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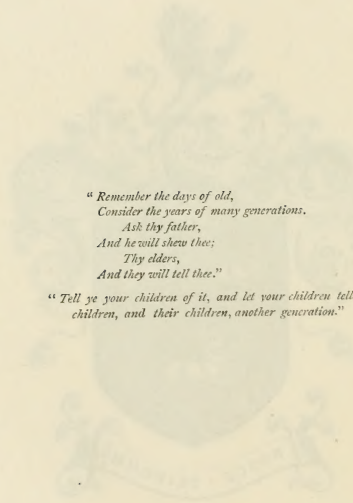
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Consider the years of many generations.  
Ask thy father,  
And he will shew thee;  
Thy elders,  
And they will tell thee."*

*"Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their  
children, and their children, another generation."*







Yrs very truly  
Robt Mansfield

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STANSFELD OF STANSFIELD

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To  
Colonel Robert Stansfeld, J.P.  
of Field House, Lowerby.  
this Volume  
descriptive of  
our ancient family  
now so fittingly represented  
by him  
is inscribed  
with sincere feelings of  
profound esteem and affectionate regard  
by his Relative  
The Author.





## In Memoriam.

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Colonel Robert Stansfeld,

Obit 19th October, 1885.

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It is with feelings of profound sorrow the Author has to record the death of Colonel Robert Stansfeld, of Field House, Sowerby, to whom this book is dedicated. During the preparation of this work his ready hand was ever outstretched to render all available and most material assistance; he carefully watched its progress, and perused with genuine pleasure its pages as they appeared; and the fact that it had not reached him in its finished condition, from the delay occasioned in producing the illustrations, is a source of keen disappointment and deep regret to the Author.

Of Colonel Stansfeld it can be truly said that fully recognizing that property has its duties as well as its rights, he was ever anxious to further the best interests of his tenantry, by whom he was so justly beloved; the poor have lost in him a generous benefactor, and all those who were privileged to know him will deplore the loss of a warm-hearted friend; he was emphatically in all respects the type of an English gentleman, a good man and true; his useful life was happily enlarged with a multitude of days, spent in generous friendship and nobility of purpose; thus his memory will ever live in the hearts he has left behind.

Biography of Colonel Stansfeld as it appeared in the *Halifax Guardian* 24th October, 1885 :—

It is with much regret we have to announce the death of this gentleman, on Monday evening, at his residence, Field House, near Halifax, at the ripe old age of nearly four score years. Though increasing years somewhat restrained the activity of one who to the last has shown himself possessed of remarkable vigour, Colonel Stansfeld has moved about to the last. On Saturday he visited Halifax, and spoke to many of his acquaintances in his well-known cheery style. On Sunday he attended service at Sowerby Church, as usual. On Monday morning he rose at his usual hour, and during the day he attended to various matters of business in connection with his estate. In the afternoon he retired to his room to write some letters, and in the evening he became indisposed, and shortly afterwards breathed his last, through failure of the action of the heart.

The deceased gentleman was the son of Robert Stansfeld, Esq., of Field House, a gentleman still remembered by the older inhabitants of Halifax as one whose fine commanding figure was noted with pride, and who was a remarkable example of the old English gentleman. Colonel Stansfeld, who inherited many of his father's characteristics, was born at Sowerby, on the 5th of December, 1805. He was educated at Heath Grammar School. In his youthful days he took great pleasure in manly pursuits, and when he reached the age of twenty-one years, he resolved to adopt the military profession, and entered the 19th Regiment by purchase. He was gazetted Ensign of his regiment on the 19th of September, 1826, and Lieutenant on the 2nd of November, 1832. He served with his regiment for many years in the West Indies, and whilst abroad married Hannah Lætitia, only daughter and heiress of Lewis Farley Clogston Johnston, Esq., Chief Justice of the Island of Trinidad. On the 4th of August, 1837, Colonel Stansfeld retired from his regiment. On his return to England, he took up his home at the Breck, in Sowerby, but after the death of his father, in 1855, he removed to the paternal residence, Field House, where he has continued to reside to the last. In 1852, Colonel Stansfeld joined the 2nd West York Militia, whose headquarters were at York, and received the command of a company; but on the formation of the 6th West York Militia, he became Major of that regiment, the headquarters of which were at Halifax. The date of his appointment was the 25th of April, 1854. After eighteen years' service as Major he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on the 26th of March, 1872. On the 15th of May, 1874 he resigned his command, but was allowed the title of Honorary Colonel of his regiment. Since that time he has always taken an interest in the regiment, and has been present at the annual reviews and sports. During the year 1861, a sham fight on a large scale took place on Skircoat Moor and the neighbourhood, in which the 6th West took part, and Colonel Stansfeld, who was then Major, was in command of the Militia. On the 20th of April, 1864, colours were presented to the regiment. On that occasion an escort of yeomanry cavalry, commanded by Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., assembled on Skircoat Moor, where the Militia were drawn up. The colours were presented by Miss Edwards, and Colonel Hind, who was the commanding officer of the regiment, returned thanks. Colonel Stansfeld has taken a great interest in the Volunteer movement, and frequently been present at the annual reviews of the Halifax Rifle Volunteers. When the great national campaign took place at Cannock Chase, Colonel Stansfeld went into camp, although he was then advanced in life, and endured all the hardships experienced by younger men. For many years Colonel Stansfeld has been a justice of the peace for the West Riding, and formerly was very regular in attending to the duties at the West Riding Court. He was a staunch Conservative, though he has never taken an active part on the platform. He was, like his father before him, a Churchman, though tolerant of those who differed from him, and a regular worshipper at Sowerby Church, where many of his ancestors now rest, and where many memorials of their zeal and liberality are preserved. These have been carefully recorded in the "History of the Stansfeld Family," a splendid work by Mr. John Stansfeld, of Leeds. A painted window, representing the Crucifixion, is in memory of Robert Stansfeld, of Field House; and Lydia, his wife, the parents of Colonel Stansfeld. In the north clerestory is a plaster representation of the Stansfeld arms—Three goats statant. Crest—a lion's head erased. Motto—Know thyself. There are several mural tablets, including one to the memory of Robert Johnston Stansfeld, elder son of Colonel Stansfeld, who served with distinction in the Crimean War and through the Indian Mutiny. It was chiefly through the liberality of an ancestor of Colonel Stansfeld's that the present church was erected, and the remains of the older church were re-erected, and now stand at Fieldhouse. In the restoration of Sowerby Church, Colonel Stansfeld took great interest, supporting the scheme liberally with his money, and giving his supervision whilst it was being carried out. He was ready to help in any work of improvement in his own district, and subscribed to the funds for the formation of the new road to Sowerby. He was averse to mixing up in public affairs, and lived the life of a quiet country gentleman. About a year ago he was thrown from his horse, and received such injuries as might have ended fatally to men of less strong constitutions. An early riser, and one who was regular in his habits, he has preserved a fresh and youthful appearance till advanced in life. He was a fine representative of a hardy race, and his family, who trace their ancestors back to the time of William the Norman, include many who have rendered good service to the State and the Church. Colonel Stansfeld had three sons :—Lewis Johnston, who died young; Robert Johnston, late captain of the 12th and 38th Regiments of Foot (lately deceased); and John, late Captain of the Royal Scots Greys, who married Eliza, daughter and co-heiress of Patrick Arkley, Esq., of Dunninald Castle, Forfarshire, and he is a magistrate for the county of Forfar and the West Riding. Colonel Stansfeld had also three daughters, one of whom married the late Johnston J. Foster, Esq., J.P., of Cliffe Hill, Lightcliffe. Colonel Stansfeld was a member of the Junior United Service Club, S.W. As trustee of Wheelwright's Charity he took great interest in the successful working of Rishworth Grammar School. He was also a governor of the Waterhouse Charity, besides other charitable trusts.

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## PREFACE.

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**O**F all portions of a book perhaps the most difficult to write is the preface ; we approach this part of the work with the feeling that a load has been removed by the completion of the main body of the Book, and rise from the same with a sense of having performed the duty in a perfunctory manner, and a feeling of doubt as to whether we have made every acknowledgment to those numerous friends who have, from time to time, assisted by word, work, or material, to make our record complete.

Some years have passed since I first directed my attention to the study of the genealogy of my own family, and from the various references then published, compiled a pedigree, which was printed for private circulation.

Since that time, I have collected much additional and hitherto unpublished matter, which, with the kindly offers of help I received, made the scheme of a Family History feasible.

The idea of my writing it first suggested itself whilst inspecting the large and varied archæological MSS. left by the late Edward Johnson Walker, who, as editor of the *Halifax Guardian* for nearly half a century, was in a peculiarly advantageous position for collecting information, relating to the historic town and parish in which he lived ; and when it is borne in mind that the Stansfeld family is one of the many important families which have sprung from Halifax, the advantage which has arisen from the possession of these local MSS., will be evident to all readers of the following pages.



Besides the possession of the above, I have had the advantage of the personal assistance of one of Mr. E. J. Walker's sons, the author of "*Halifax Registers*"; without whose knowledge of their contents, they could not have been utilized, to the best advantage. And what has thus been used, is but a fair sample of the great bulk, contained in the Walker MSS., which might similarly illustrate the history of any one of the families, connected with this old parish.

To Mr. John Lister, M.A., of Shibden Hall, I must express my heart-felt appreciation of his kindness, in sending any information relating to the Stansfelds, contained in his own collections. This is none the less sincere, because I find that a peculiarly valuable portion thereof, viz., the transcripts, made by himself, from Dodsworth's original MSS. in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, had previously been lent to Mr. E. J. Walker, who collated them with his own extracts from Jennings' copy, in the British Museum.

To Mr. John E. Bailey, F.S.A., of Stretford, my thanks are also due, for his search through the Towneley MSS., for any matter relating to the subject of this work; and for his care and attention, in sending transcripts, and correcting the proofs of the result of his labours. To Mr. William Ecroyd of Lomeshaye, a member of a family, well known and honoured in the parish of Halifax, that of Akroyd of Akroyd, of Bank Field and of Foggathorpe, I am indebted for the loan of a deed, mentioned in the account of the Stansfelds of Burnley; and also for other information on the subject.

In searching the registers of Heptonstall Church, for which I had the ready permission of the vicar, I have had the additional advantage, of a full copy of the first volume made for publication, and lent to me, by Mr. James H. Ogden, a member of another old Halifax family, settled, till recently, at Wadsworth Banks, in Wadsworth; to the authorities of Gray's Inn, who kindly allowed the entry of the admission of Ashton Stansfeld, to be published, and to Mr. T. C. Noble of Greenwood Road, Dalston, E.,

who acted, for me, as copyist, in recent investigations in London, my acknowledgments are also due.

To members of the family, whose interest, in the publication of this volume, should be as great as my own, I am not called upon to offer any special thanks, for information given, which is as much to their benefit, as to mine. But two exceptions demand a special mention, viz. :—Captain John Stansfeld of Dunninald Castle, Montrose, N.B., and Mr. Thomas Wolryche Stansfeld of Weetwood Grove, Leeds, who have both rendered me valuable service. They will be found mentioned, in the body of the work, in connection with deeds, &c. lent by them.

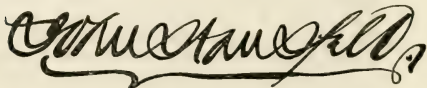
It is a matter of regret, that the earlier family portraits in existence, were not available for reproduction. Some of them are at Esholt Priory ; but the present possessor, General Stansfeld, does not seem sufficiently aware of their individual identity. The portrait of David Stansfeld, who died in 1769, would have formed an appropriate complement, to the etching of Hope Hall, of which he was the builder. I have been more fortunate in obtaining to accompany the etching of Field House, a portrait of its founder, George Stansfeld, who died in 1805, from a painting, in the possession of Colonel Robert Stansfeld of Field House. Capital portraits of both David Stansfeld of Hope Hall, and his son, David Stansfeld of Leeds, who married Sarah, the daughter and heiress of Thomas Wolrich of Armley House, are at present in the possession of Mr. Thomas Wolryche Stansfeld of Weetwood Grove, being the property, I believe, of Colonel Thomas Wolrich Stansfeld, the head of that branch of the family.

Those members of the family, who have contributed, at their own cost, the etched portraits, which form such a striking feature of this book, will be amply repaid by the appreciation, which cannot fail to be rendered by all readers. They are Colonel Robert Stansfeld and the Misses Stansfeld of Field House ; Captain John Stansfeld of Dunninald Castle, Montrose ; Mrs. Foster, Moor Park, Salop ; Miss Elizabeth Stansfeld, Rallin Brow,

Settle; Mrs. Birkbeck, Anley, Settle; Mrs. Mary Stansfeld Williams, Eaton Square, London, and others.

A work like this, though dealing of necessity, more with the history of the past, yet is intended to convey, to future generations, a picture of the state of their family, at the time of publication.

To the young members of the family, and to all who will be added to them, this present work creates the possibility "That search may be made, in the book of the records of their fathers." The opportunity offers itself of surpassing the fame and works of their ancestors, and of proving the truth of both the propositions of the proverb "that as the glory of children are their fathers, so the children's children may be the crown of their elders."

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mary Stansfeld Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

LEEDS, *October, 1885.*



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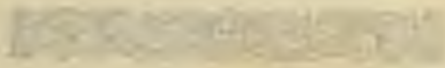








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CHAPTER II

THE TOWN OF HALIFAX



The history of Halifax is not so well known as that of some other towns of the same size, even though the latter have no other description were given of the place, and some of the most interesting facts of its history are not recorded. It is not, however, the case with Halifax, which has been the subject of many historical and antiquarian works, and a full description of its history and antiquities is given in the following pages. It is not, however, the case with Halifax, which has been the subject of many historical and antiquarian works, and a full description of its history and antiquities is given in the following pages.

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## CHAPTER I.

### THE PARISH OF HALIFAX.



THE history of a large local family like that of the Stansfelds, would be imperfect, even though the account were understood, if some description were not given of the large and important ecclesiastical district, from a portion of which the family took its name. Not only is this necessary in the case of the special township, that is, Stansfield, which is the birthplace of the family, so far as its present surname is concerned; but as Stansfield itself was but a portion, ecclesiastically, of an ancient parochial chapelry, and, civilly, of other still larger divisions of land, so it is requisite that these greater areas should be in some degree described, that the reader may understand what greater terms may include the less, when the place-names are given.

The parish of Halifax long considered, though falsely, the largest parish in England, has an area, according to the Ordnance Survey, of 82,539 acres. Elsewhere, in the census of 1831, returned as 75,740 statute acres, the parish of Whalley is given as 104,689 acres, and the county of Rutland, commonly said to be but a little larger than the parish of Halifax, is shewn, in the same return, as having an area of 107,728 statute acres, but with a considerably less population than Halifax. The appearance of the country has been well described by Cobbett, in his vigorous English:—

“This part of England is the most interesting that I ever saw. It is here where nature has been sportive indeed. Here are never-ending chains of hillocks; hill after hill, and hill upon hill; the deep valleys winding about in every direction, and every valley having, therefore, a run of water greater or less. Every now and then a cross valley comes twisting down into this main valley; the

view is never the same, riding on a post-chaise, for two minutes at a time. From foot of hill to foot of hill, the main valley is not, on an average, more than from 200 to 400 yards wide; and the hills rise up almost perpendicular. Sometimes they are covered with trees, of puny size to be sure, sometimes with rough grass; but in height, width, form, and every other circumstance, the variety is endless."

Local historians, Whitaker, Watson, and others, have attempted descriptions of the scenery at greater length; but it will be sufficient to state, that, occupying the eastern watershed of the Pennine range of mountains, the backbone of England, for a considerable distance, the parish of Halifax affords almost every variety of mountain scenery; several of its rugged passes and its wild moorland stretches, rivalling in appearance, if not in degree, the favoured haunts of the tourist and the painter, and which, as Drayton puts into the mouth of the West Riding:—

" Were they not here in me,  
In any other place, right well might wonders be."

And if the tourist and the painter have failed to appreciate the parish of Halifax, the historian no less has even detracted from the historic importance of its central township, and omitted to read in the ancient Domesday Survey, where smaller townships have their place recorded, the name of Halifax, under its more ancient designation. Camden, indeed, went further, and credited it with a name it never bore:—

" From hence the river Calder passes through the Mountains on the left by *Halifax*, a very famous town, situated from West to East upon the gentle descent of an hill. This name is of no great antiquity; not many ages since it was called *Horton*, as some of the Inhabitants say, who tell us this story concerning the change of it, &c., &c. NOTE. Some think it was formerly call'd *The Chapel in the Grove*."

The story will be given further on, a different story, by-the-by, to the legend concerning the name of Halifax in Camden's first edition in 1587. The above quotation is from Gibson's edition, 1695, p. 707. But some attempt to explain Camden's error would not be out of place. As Halifax was not known to be mentioned in Domesday Book, and as the importance of the place warranted

some attempt to find it there mentioned, under a different name ; we can easily imagine the shrewd suggestion of the late Dr. Walker, of Scammonden, to be correct. This was, that the Saviles, finding *Overe* and not Halifax in Domesday, misled Camden in this particular, making *Overe* into Ourton (Horton). The note as to the Chapel in the Grove, which undoubtedly was Southowram Chapel, tends to strengthen this theory. Kirkby's Inquest [1284-5] calls *Overe*—Suthouerton, so that there is high precedent for the error. Hunter records in his *History of Hallamshire*, p. 9, a similar error :—

“It is remarkable that Sir Henry Savile, himself a Yorkshireman, in his edition of Hoveden, and in the section *De Wapentagio*, f. 346 b, has printed Warwickshire, where it is plain that Yorkshire [Euerwickshire] was the county intended.”

That “some of the Inhabitants” who were Camden's informers, were the Saviles, we may well imagine, knowing the intimacy that existed between them. John Hanson, a local antiquary, in whose handwriting the 58th vol. of Dodworth's MSS. in the Bodleian library is written, was a contemporary of the Saviles when Camden visited Bradley Hall in 1580 and 1599, and in the above-named volume records that, on the 5th of August, 1599, he rode with Camden and another eminent antiquary, Edward Bolton, from Bradley Hall to Bradford, which route would be through Halifax.

To those who love to trace the wave of colonisation in ancient times, by the place-names on the track, the parish of Halifax affords a clear example of two lines of differing tribes, one on either side of the river Calder. The immigration of the military Danes, along the spur of the Pennine range, south of the river, has left its record in Sheepridge, Rastrick, Fixby, Sowerby (whose earlier name undoubtedly was Ardwick), and Horsehold (Horsa's hold) in Erringden, the line being taken up in Lancashire further west. The more pacific course of the agricultural Frisians is indicated by the advance, from the east, of a people who established their occupation in the three villages, which they distinguished by their positions as seen upon the line of march, Hipperum, and North and South Owrum. It is said :

"You may distinguish a Frisian parish, as the Eton Grammar distinguishes nouns of the neuter gender. It is *omne quod exit in "un"* : for so end nine out of ten of the Frisian villages."

It must be noted, that, in the most ancient deeds, the pronunciation is shewn by the spelling, as it is to this day in the tongue of the old inhabitants, e.g., Hipperome or Hipprum, not, as written now-a-days, Hipperholme. To such a band of immigrants, impelled by stern necessity, or hope of improvement, to seek "fresh fields and pastures new;" the remainder of the parish, on the north side of the vale of Calder, as seen from the heights of North or Southowram (the *Overe* of Domesday), would appear in the form of three successive inclined plateaux of similar external character, but differing from anything seen by them before in Yorkshire. These would be: The slope of the present town of Halifax, including the parallel of Skircoat; the slope under the remarkable rounded whorl of Roil's head; and the plateau westward of the vale of Luddenden. Seeing this conformation of this part of the parish, it is more than a remarkable coincidence that there occur in the enumeration of its berewics in Domesday Book, three which have the "*lei*," a *meadow*, for the concluding syllable. The nine berewics attached to the manor of Wakefield are written in Domesday as:—

"Sandala, Sorebi, *Werla*, *feslei*, *Micleie*, Wadesuurde, Crûbetonestun, Langefeld, and Stanesfelt."

Sandal is not in this parish; Sowerby comes naturally first of those which are, being the head of that portion, which was first called the Forest of Hardwick, and afterwards Sowerbyshire. And if Feslei had preceded Warley, the enumeration would have followed the precise topographical succession of the parish, and thus the correct apportionment to existing townships, would not have been delayed to the present time. Whitaker suffered a guess that Feslei was Fixby, to over-ride his usually clear judgment; although he met, in another part of the Dom. Boc., with the very township under its proper name, *Feckesbi*. There is no known instance where the name of a place ending in "*lei*," in Domesday Book, has in more modern days become a "*by*." The



above eight berewics in the parish, taken in their topographical order, can be identified as follows, and *only* as follows :—

Sorebi	- -	Sowerby, Soyland, and Rishworth.
Feslei	- -	Halifax and Skircoat.
Werla	- -	Warley and Ovenden.
Miclei	- -	Midgley.
Wadesuurde	- -	Wadsworth.
Langefelt	- -	Langfield.
Crübetonsetun	- -	Cruttonstall (in Erringden) and Heptonstall.
Stanesfelt	- -	Stansfield.

These townships form a portion of the parish, which has always been separated from the rest, by having separate manorial and ecclesiastical rights ; and it is the only portion of the parish wherein the ancient right of capital punishment in the manorial court, was prolonged in the unique Gibbet Law of Halifax. It will complete this part of the subject, if the remaining townships in the parish are given under the name by which they are represented in the recapitulation of Terra Regis, in the wapentake of Morley, in Domesday Book (Plate lxxxii., Facsimile edition).

In the soke of Wakefield :—

Stanland	- -	Stainland, Barkisland, and Norland.
Linleie	- -	Old Lindley.
Rastric	- -	Rastrick.
Feckesbi	- -	Fixby.
Huperum	- -	Hipperholme-cum-Brighouse.
Vfrun	- -	Northowram.
Scelf	- -	Shelf.

In the honor of Pontefract :—

Elant	- -	Elland-cum-Greetland.
Overe	- -	Southowram

The remaining portion of the parish, that is, the 8 berewics belonging to Sowerbyshire, or the Forest of Hardwick, are included in the recapitulation under Wachefeld, in Agbrigg wapentake.

It forms no part of this family history to identify the townships of the parish, as they occur in Domesday Book, so the matter of Crübetonsetun is not here further gone into. But as it was

necessary to mention that Halifax occurs therein, and so many historians declare the contrary, some amount of support was requisite to combat such a consensus of authorities. The original name of Halifax, therefore, was Feslei, and the meaning of the word is as obvious as that of the others of the three "leis." Midgley, pronounced by the inhabitants Mig-ge-ley, is the Mickel, or great ley; Warley, still called by the natives Warle-ley, is the meadow under the whorl, or rounded hill; and Feslei (Danish *faze*, fibre, filament, ligament) the meadow of the hair.

In the grant to the priory of Lewes of the advowsons of churches in the Warren fee in Yorkshire, by the third earl Warren *circa* A.D. 1146, that of Halifax is called, *Ecclesiam de Halyfax cum omnibus pert: suis*. In this deed, the *ley* or *lei* is dropped from the end of the name; but it must not be overlooked that, as the grant refers to the church alone, the affix was not necessary. But in charters, wherein successive kings of England confirmed immunity from tolls, to the tenants of the ancient demesnes of the Crown, the township of Halifax is called, evidently from some old copy of the Terra Regis, *Halifaxleie*. The local pronunciation of Halifax was Halifaice, or Halifaze, and is so pronounced, even yet, by old folks.

Why Halifax was called Feslei, the meadow of the hair, and why the prefix *halig*, holy, was attached, between Domesday Survey and the date of the grant of Halyfax church to the priory of Lewes, we must continue Camden's account to ascertain. Reverting to the former quotation, it proceeds to say:—

"A certain Clergy-man of this town, being passionately in love with a young woman, and by no means able to move her to comply with his lust, grew stark mad, and in that condition villanously cut off her head. Her head was afterwards hung upon an Eu-tree, where it was reputed holy by the vulgar, till quite rotten; and was often visited in Pilgrimage by them, every one plucking off a branch of the tree [as a holy relique.] By this means, the tree became at last a meer trunk, but still retain'd its reputation of sanctity among the people, who even perswaded themselves that those little veins, which are spread out like hair in the rind between the bark and the body of the tree, were indeed the very hair of the Virgin. This

occasion'd such a resort of Pilgrims to it, that *Horton*, from a little village, grew up soon to a large town, assuming the new name of *Halig-fax* or *Halifax*, which signifies *holy hair*."

It is no detriment to Camden's accuracy in reporting this tradition, that his reference to Horton, as the prior name of Halifax, is obviously a mistake ; and Watson himself would, no doubt, have withdrawn or mitigated his remark :—

"This relation our author had from some of the inhabitants, but it is something strange that so judicious an antiquary should give such entire credit to it ; for some parts of the story are very suspicious, and others untrue."

had he lived to learn the error which he himself fell into, in confounding Hepton, in the wapentake of Agbrigg, with Heptonstall ; for which see Whitaker's remarks under the latter place.

The other tradition, as to the origin of the word Halifax, is perpetuated in the corporate seal of the modern borough, which is described in *The Seals of all the Corporations in Yorkshire*, by William Boyne, F.S.A., as follows :—

"In the field, within Gothic tracery, on network, the bearded head of St. John the Baptist (to whom the Parish Church is dedicated), with an ornamental nimbus ; below are three drops of blood ; above the head, in Saxon letters, HALIG, and below, FAX, here supposed to mean Holy Face. On one side, WARREN, the ancient feudal Lord ; on the other, LEWES, the priory to which the church and lands in Halifax belonged."

The legend was first published in Camden's *Britannia* ; but abandoned in the later editions, and is alone quoted by Bentley, in *Halifax and its Gibbet Law*, 1708, as follows :—

"As to the name (saith he), all antient records that ever were do give it the Name of Halifax, the reason of which name seems to be this :—

"That at first it was a Hermitage of very great antiquity ; the Church that now is, built from, or rather added to, a Chappel long since built, consecrated and dedicated to St. John Baptist, who is stiled, by some antients, the first father of hermits : and in which place, as they pretend, was kept the real face of St. John Baptist ; hence was it named Halifax or Holy-Face."

But this account, it will be observed, is a pure tradition, unsupported by any collateral circumstance for corroboration. And yet it is one that, if true, must have been so supportable. The possession of holy relics, was the boast of many early churches. The head of S. John the Baptist seems to have had unusual claims to many ecclesiastical collections. But wherever so precious a relic was possessed, it would surely be the duty of the clerics who profitted by it, religiously to retain and preserve it. Had such, indeed, been the boast at Halifax, possibly some impartial local antiquary in the past, would have echoed the incredulity of Mrs. Burton, who albeit as an hereditary daughter of the Roman Communion, ever ready to accept its teaching, yet says of her visit to the Great Mosque at Damascus, *The Inner Life*, vol. 1, p. 169:—

“It is said that a little vault underneath contains a casket, on which is written, ‘This casket contains the head of John (the Baptist), son of Zachariah,’ and that the head is still kept there, to be honoured by the Moslems and the few strangers admitted. I have a right to feel sceptical about the head, because I have already seen three.”

But at Halifax there is no proof that ever any one saw such a relic. In the absence of any such proof, it has been suggested that the head was not a relic but a picture; but Whitaker, who contemptuously controverted the whole story, showed that there could be nothing unusual in such a mere painting:—

“It must be remembered that by the Canons, a picture of the patron saint was required to be placed not only in every conventual, but every parish church—*Imaginem principalem in cancellis*. Vide Const : abp. Winchelsey apud Lindwood, L 3, T 27.”

And in the time of Kenulph, King of Mercia, the synod of Celecynth ordered that in every church, there should be a figure of the saint, to whom it is dedicated. Dr. Whitaker's explanation of the name Halifax, nevertheless, is wholly indefensible, requiring as it does, a half Norman, half Saxon origin:—

“It appears, however, to have been no fable, that in the deep valley, then embosomed in woods, where the Parish Church now stands, was an Hermitage dedicated to St. John the Baptist, the

imagined sanctity of which attracted a great concourse of pilgrims in every direction. Four ways, by which the modern town of Halifax is entered, still distinctly point at the Parish Church, as their common centre, though at one extremity of the place. These were the roads by which the pilgrims approached the object of their devotion, and hence the name HALIFAX, or HOLY-WAYS; for fax in Norman French, is an old plural noun denoting high ways."

The three derivations which have been given, all unite in the use of the prefix *holy*; and it remained for a local etymologist elsewhere mentioned (William Priestley, Esq.) to suggest one entirely independent of tradition:—

"After much tedious investigation, a derivation from the Islandick appears to correspond with the situation:—

Isl: *hali*, canda; *halla*, inclinare; *halle*, proclivus, lapis.

*fax*, juba [a ridge].

That is, the extremity of the ridge, or the sloping ridge; the edge, border, of the high ground which overhangs the town."

Supposing that the fact of the church being dedicated to St. John the Baptist, were put forward as a proof of the veracity of the Holy Face legend, there is otherwise sufficient evidence to account for that, by no means uncommon, dedication amongst the churches of the period. And, supposing that the legend of the hermitage be accepted, how well the exquisite stanza by Spenser would describe the scene:—

"A little lowly hermitage it was,  
Down in a dale, hard by a forest's side,  
Far from resort of people, that did pass  
In travel to and fro: a little wide,  
There was an holy chapel edified,  
Wherein the hermit duly wont to say  
His holy things, each morn and eventide:  
Thereby a crystal stream did gently play,  
Which, from a sacred fountain, welled forth alway."

Close by the river was a holy well, which existed until the present generation, under the name of Jonas (*Johannis*) Well. This supplies us with another suggestion, as to the cause of the dedication to St. John the Baptist. Well or fountain worship was general among Germanic nations. Professor Finn Magnussen observes of the midsummer festival:—

“The people of the North would not, on the introduction of Christianity, forsake so ancient and dear a national festival, with which was associated the superstition that wells (as Baldurs Brönd, Tis-væld, and many others in Denmark), baths, certain plants, &c., at the mysterious summer solstice, possessed a supernatural power of healing sickness, neutralizing pernicious witchcrafts, &c. The converters of the North acted here, as in other cases, according to circumstances, by transferring the heathen midsummer festival, dedicated to Baldur, to the eve of St. John, which happened about the same time ; for as the people of the North had formerly commemorated the death of Baldur, they could now mourn over the similar fate of John the Baptist. If they had previously seen Baldur's blood on the root of a plant, since named after St. John, the Christian populace now believed that what they there saw was the blood of the martyr, but which, in fact, consisted in the eggs of certain insects, containing a red fluid ; if Baldur had previously been the healing god, his miracles were now transferred to the new saints.”

To this day, Spa Sunday, the first Sunday in May, is observed by thousands of Halifax parishioners, who visit, at an early hour, the different local spas or springs, supposed to have some medicinal virtue ; a custom now, as then, taken advantage of by promoters of Christianity, to spread their tenets. Now, however, the Christian missionary is represented, usually, by some local dissenting preacher ; but supposing the Apostle of Halifax found such a well, venerated for its supposed beneficent effects, both bodily and spiritual, upon its devotees, he would be but following the canonical course, in hallowing it to the real beneficent purposes of holy baptism. Nothing survives, however, respecting Jonas Well (as easily derived from Johannis well, as Peckett Well, in Wadsworth, from Becket's well), save perhaps the name of an adjacent street, Cripplegate ; but Halifax fair, on Midsummer Day, has long been one of the most important in the north country.

But another reason for the dedication of Halifax church to St. John Baptist, may be suggested, which would also account for the same dedication of other churches in the Warren fee, such as Kirkheaton, &c. The whole of christendom, at the time of the building of Halifax church, was aroused by the preaching

of the crusades, and one of the most ardent crusaders was Robert, duke of Normandy, and son of William the Conqueror, who was taken prisoner by the first earl Warren. At this time, also, the great religious order of the Knights of S. John of Jerusalem, or the Hospitallers, sprang into existence, and was much favoured by Godfrey de Bouillon, the first christian King of Jerusalem. William, the third earl Warren, who married Adela, daughter of William Talvace, earl of Ponthieu and Sais, was slain in Palestine, and, no doubt, in some degree would be associated with the Knights Hospitallers. And although, from this presumption, no direct inference is drawn in connection with the third earl Warren and the dedication of Halifax church, as that earl held the manor of Wakefield for such a short time (1138-1147); yet as Halifax church first occurs in history in his grant, or confirmation, to Lewes priory, of the churches in the Warren fee, and, presumably his wife's relations, the Talvaces, occupied so prominent a position in the parish, as well as in the church of Halifax, it would not be proper to overlook the possible results of the connection.

That the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem held property in the parish of Halifax, at a very early date, we have direct evidence in Watson's *History of Halifax*, pp. 325-8, where are several charters printed, relating to them. And in a charter dated 1306, William de Schippedene granted land to his son, John, rendering to the lord of the fee 8s. at three terms, and to the

“*Magistro de Newland tres denarios ad Pentecost.*”

In the following year, in a deed to the same John de Shipedene, occurs a reference to the *ter: Hospital*: the land of the Hospital. In another charter, which was called in George Bayliffe's Waste-Book (see Watson's *Halifax*, p. 325) *Concessio Hominis Nativi in Barkisland*, John de Ackworth and Cecilia, his wife, granted and confirmed:—

“*Deo et beate Marie et S. Joh: Bapt: et fratribus hospit: Jerusalem, Johannem fil. Ade de Clogh cum oibz suis et tota sequela sua.*”

In 1313 Frater Simon Paxable, Preceptor Dom. Hosp. S. Joh: Jerusalem ad Novem Terram, granted to John fil Rob. de Clay,

a message called Clogh. In 1326, Brother Thomas Larchier, prior of the Knights of S. John of Jerusalem, and the brethren, recited that Henry de Coldelay held a certain tenement in Coldelay (Coley) of their house. There are many more recent records, shewing that the Knights Hospitallers held some early grants in the neighbourhood, and also had some connection with the Talvace or Copley family, which is said to have supplied the first rector of Halifax; and probably, if this point were further investigated, the true reason of Halifax church being dedicated to S. John the Baptist would be ascertained.

As it is, also, the legend of the Holy Hair, having obtained the greater credence amongst historians, leaves the dedication of the church unaffected by the name of Halifax, and so requires some evidence to be tendered upon the subject. As has been said before, Camden's *Britannia*, in the later editions, gives this legend solely, as the origin of the name; and Drayton, in his *Polyolbion* published in 1612, puts the information, errors and all, into rhyme:—

“ But Calder as she comes, and greater still doth wax,  
And travelling along by heading Halifax,  
Which Horton once was called, but of a Virgin's hair  
(A Martyr that was made, for chastity that there  
Was by her lover slain) being fastened to a tree,  
The people that would needs it should a relic be,  
It, Halifax since named, which, in the northern tongue,  
Is holy hair.”

John Brearcliffe, a local antiquary, informs us that even at the end of the 17th century, the remains of the yew tree were in existence, and were pointed out as one of the “lions” of the town. Thoresby records in his Diary:—

“ A.D. 1679, March 25. Taking the inscriptions upon some monuments in Halifax Church. 26. Mostly at Mr. Brearcliffe's, and viewing the antiquities of the place, as the View-tree with the halig fax &c: (*vid. Cam. Brit.*) and Johannes de Sacro Bosco's hill, &c.”

And again in his Review, Thoresby more clearly states:—

“ That I should not mention a short journey to Halifax, but for the sake of my old friend Mr. Brearcliffe, the antiquary, who shewed me the tree whereupon tradition says the virgin's head was hung whose *holy hair* gave denomination to the town.”



It is a valuable fact, that neither Thoresby nor Brearcliffe make any mention of any other traditional origin of the name of Halifax than this, so agreeable to the spirit of the times, when the oppressed Saxons were so apt to canonise the victims of their Norman oppressors. Similar cases are known of the same period, notably Waltheof, who was betrayed to the first earl Warren and two Norman bishops, and beheaded; but was made a martyr by the English monks and people. The true Robin Hood, no doubt, supplies a later instance; and in A.D. 1537, in the picturesque valley of Crimsworthdean (which Whitaker took to be the Crūbetonestun of Domesday) in Wadsworth, was discovered an ancient stone with this inscription:—

“ Hard Iron Han heere Lye  
By frith and fell that ever got victory.”

No doubt another popular hero, of this or a succeeding age. And if the readiness of the people to canonise the victims be thus shewn, there is no lack of testimony as to the greed and lusts of the oppressors. The Venerable Bede, in his epistle to the archbishop Egbert, laments, that persons having not the least claim to the monastic character, obtained lands professedly for religious purposes; but gave themselves up to luxury and fornication, and abstained not from the virgins consecrated to God. The common seal, still in existence, of the Poor Law Corporation at Halifax in 1662, which no doubt would be designed by Brearcliffe, perpetuates this legendary origin of Halifax; and it is also the seal of the local county magistracy. The former is described in Boyne's *Seals of Municipal Corporations in Yorkshire*, p. 54, as follows:—

“ A Seal of this Corporation (Waterhouse Charity, 1635) bears the inscription SIGILL: CORP: APUD HALLIF: 1662; in the field, a virgin hung in a tree by her hair; on the other side a man standing, holding in his hand a ball or sphere.”

But whatever may be the origin of the name, there is no doubt at all that, upon the erection of the church, Halifax became the centre of what is now called the parish of Halifax; thus superseding the site of the Roman town of Cambodunum, at Outlane, the Saxon fort which marked the capital of Hardwick (Sowerby-

shire) at Sowerby, and the singular Danish camp at Rastrick, the churchyard of which last place is hallowed by the possession of an ancient cross, somewhat similar to Walton Cross at Hartishead.

When the ecclesiastical parish of Halifax was formed, there were given to it the Domesday townships of Elant and Overe (Southowram) out of the Lacy fee (the Honour of Pontefract); and also from the Warren fee, the eight local berewics of Wakefield (not counting Sandal), which had evidently, along with Wakefield, been taken out of the Saxon parish of Morley. To these were added the other local townships named in the recapitulation of Terra Regis, in the soke of Wakefield, viz., Stanland, Linleie, Rastric, Feckesbi, Huperum, Vfrun (Northowram), and Scelf, which, along with Elant and Overe, were evidently—as shewn by recent payment of tithe to it—taken from the Saxon parish of Dewsbury. At the present time, also, the parish of Halifax is subdivided into three ancient chapelries:—

FIRST. The district attached to the mother church of HALIFAX, including the townships of Halifax, Sowerby, Warley, Ovenden, Southowram, Hipperholme-cum-Brighouse, Midgley, Skircoat, and Shelf.

SECOND. The parochial chapelry of ELLAND, consisting of the townships of Elland-cum-Greetland, Barkisland, Fixby, Norland, Rastrick, Rishworth, Soyland, and Stainland with Old Lindley.

THIRD. The parochial chapelry of HEPTONSTALL, containing the townships of Heptonstall, Erringden, Langfield, Stansfield, and Wadsworth.

It is necessary that these should be clearly understood, as, unfortunately for the antiquary without some local experience, each chapelry is called after the leading township within it. The way this affects the subject is as follows. Any person described, say, in his will, as of Halifax, might have been resident either in the township of Halifax, the parochial district of Halifax, or in the parish of Halifax at large. And in the same manner, a person described as of Heptonstall, may have been resident either

in that particular township, or in any of the townships of Erringden, Stansfield, Langfield and Wadsworth. Any further description of these townships, and the subsidiary chapelries within them, dependent upon the ancient chapelries, which may be necessary, will be given further on in this work, when the progress of the history requires it.

Some account of the manorial history of the parish, also, will not be out of place. It has already been said that, when the parish was formed, two great manors contributed to it. Of the Honour of Pontefract, belonging to the Lacy fee, it will not be requisite to say much more than that Elland and Southowram have always been, and are still, parcels of it. In process of time, when smaller manors grew up by grant of the chief lord, or by prescription, Elland became a manor, in the hands of a family of the same name. Edward I., in 1303-4, granted by charter to Hugh de Ealand, free warren in all his demesne lands in Ealand, &c. By the marriage of an heiress, the manor of Elland came to the Saviles, who hold it to this day. Southowram, in the same way, became a manor in the Eland family; and from thence, by marriage, to the Lacies of Cromwelbottom.

The manor of Wakefield demands more special mention. Previously the property of the Saxon kings, it became the possession of William the Bastard, by conquest. He, or his successor, granted it to earl Warren; and it is from members of the Warren family, that most of the grants were made to subtenants in the parish. On the accession of Edward IV., it became annexed to the Crown; in 1554 it was united to the duchy of Lancaster, and remained in royal hands until it was granted to Henry, earl of Holland, in the reign of Charles I.; since which time it has changed hands several times, and is now the property of Baron Conyers. The smaller manors, such as are requisite to be named, will be mentioned as they occur, in succeeding pages.

Dr. Whitaker, a neighbour (*Loidis and Elmete*, pp. 370-1), does not give a flattering opinion of the inhabitants of the parish of Halifax in his day. He writes :—

"The manners of the inhabitants partake of the character of the soil, rugged and intractable, yet vincible to a certain degree, by moral cultivation. Though ignorant, and often brutal, they are certainly not a stupid people. . . . In the remoter parts of the parish, and particularly on the confines of Lancashire, where old families, the great correctors of barbarism, either have never existed or have long been extinct, the state of manners and morals is, perhaps, more degraded than in any other part of the island. Ignorant and savage, yet cunning and attentive to their own interests, under few restraints from law, and fewer from conscience, it is a singular phenomenon that almost all the people are, under one denomination or other, religionists. A striking instance, I will not say of the tendency of separation (dissent) to produce immorality, but of the inefficacy of multiplied and discordant modes of worship to correct it. In fact, as far as any evidence can be collected on the subject, they were neither better nor worse before the Reformation; they were no better when all were nominally members of the Church of England. Coupled with their other propensities, the inherent baseness of their natures is perhaps a blessing; they do not appear to have courage for atrocious crimes; poaching and petty larcenies are most congenial to their dispositions. . . . Breeding, too, from generation to generation among themselves, with scarcely any foreign admixtures, the lowest order have acquired, with few deviations in either sex from ugliness, a characteristic turn of countenance, very striking to an observant stranger, and even to those who have been long accustomed to them, after a temporary absence. Add to all these a squalid countenance, a savage grin, the legs and feet uncovered, together with the whole habit neglected and forlorn, and the portrait of one of these wretched beings is complete.

Then again, forests, when enclosed, are usually granted out in small parcels, and are colonised with a race of inferior yeomanry at most; these, in situations like that of the forest of Hardwick, partly from the stubborn genius of their soil and climate, and partly from the sweets of commercial gain, naturally decline into manufacturers; hence a spirit of equality and republican independence becomes universal; they have no superior to court, no civilities to practise. A sour and sturdy humour is the consequence, so that a stranger is shocked by a tone of defiance in every voice, and an air of fierceness in every countenance."

It is useless to deny that Dr. Whitaker has very fairly described the peculiar characteristics of natives of Halifax; though

probably, if the description had been written by one of themselves, it would have been worded with less harshness, and some virtue claimed in that spirit of sturdy independence, which has made the yeoman class of Halifax, so remarkably prolific in great men. Indeed it may be said of the yeoman class throughout the country, that like the Pennine Range on which Halifax stands, it has been the back-bone of England. And as the yeomen have restrained the luxuriousness of the gentry, so they have in the past, set a fair example to the labouring classes beneath them. Cobbett, who has already been quoted of the place, says of the people of Halifax :—

“I am sitting at a window, and it is Sunday. Hundreds of the working people have passed by this window, this day ; and it is a very long time since I have seen working-people so well-dressed as they are here . . . which with their lesser immorality, is attributable probably to their not being crowded together as in large towns ; but something must also be owing to the conduct of the employers—to their conduct towards their workpeople, and to their own excellent example.”

But it is to the class of people, that Hunter describes as below the sheriff, but above the constable, that Halifax owes so much ; and of whom it has most reason to be proud. And not only Halifax, but America also owes considerably to early colonists of this class, from this parish. Holding a position in society most nearly that of the gentleman farmer of to-day ; but building and residing in large halls, where the hand-loom weavers and the spinners had their rooms, the clothier yeomen of Halifax, up to one or two hundred years ago, occupied peculiarly fortunate positions. Their farms and pastures gave them territorial standing ; and their trade brought them a considerable profit in money ; and they were all, more or less, related by birth or by marriage, to the gentry of the district.

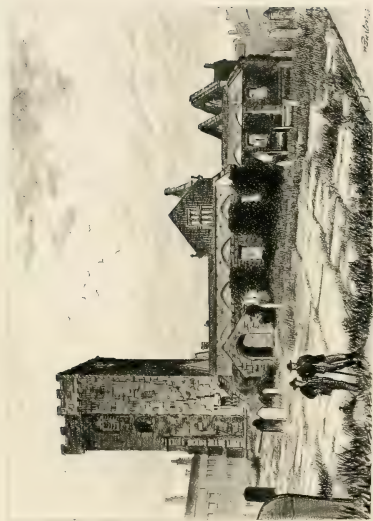
Dr. Whitaker, in his *History of Craven*, after mentioning the birth of Richard Wylson, prior of Drax and archbishop of Negropont (in partibus), and afterwards bishop of Meath, at Bingley, adds in a note, that he did not know that the deanery of Craven had given birth to any other bishop,

catholic or protestant. In another place he remarks, that the parish of Halifax has given birth or residence to more talent, in various departments, than has fallen to the lot of some entire counties. In the matter of bishops alone, it is easy to substantiate the contrast given above. The following does not exhaust the list : Archbishop Tillotson, bishops Lake, one of the seven bishops sent to the Tower ; Ferrar, burnt at the stake, in his own diocese at Caermarthen, at the Reformation ; Tilson, who fled from his Irish diocese during the troubles of the Commonwealth ; Carr, Deane, Jackson, Lacy, Best, and Horsfall. Archbishop Rokeby of Dublin, though not a native, yet was vicar of Halifax, and the founder of one of the chapels in the parish church. As for the native inferior clergy, though many of them have attained reputations, excelling their right reverend fathers of the episcopate, there is no space to mention them ; for, with all due apology for the impropriety of the context, their name is legion.

The later remarks of Dr. Whitaker, are sufficient to correct any wrong impressions, which may be given of his sweeping judgment of Halifax people. It is matter of regret, however upon his line of argument, that they have more courage than he gives them credit for. Atrocious crimes of great magnitude are by no means uncommon in the annals of the past ; and a *Criminal History of Halifax*, would, if atrocious crimes be not rather, as is more likely, the result of cowardice, as easily testify to the courage of the natives, as a *Military History of Halifax*. With the latter is bound up the history of the 33rd, Duke of Wellington's, Regiment, which was formed and has always been recruited, in Halifax ; and which bears a foremost place in military records. But for the petty jealousy of a neighbouring town, this regiment would have been one of the few bearing the name of a town ; but on representations being made, the proposed territorial title of " Halifax " was altered to that of the " West Riding Regiment."











## CHAPTER II.

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### HEPTONSTALL CHURCH.

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AS has been already mentioned, the township of Heptonstall is not named in Domesday, Watson's statement to the contrary being erroneous. It formed a portion of the manor of Wakefield, and earl Warren is returned as the lord in Kirkby's Inquest, *temp.* Edward I. (1284-5), and also in *Nomina Villarum* 1316. It passed through the Thornhills, by marriage into the hands of the Saviles, who still hold it. Heptonstall church was certainly in existence before 1260, as in the deeds relating to the establishment of a vicarage at Halifax, it is mentioned that pope Alexander IV., who died *circa* 1260, confirmed to the prior and convent of Lewes, the church of Halifax *cum suis capellis* (with its chapels); and the vicarage endowment deed in 1273, bound the vicar to pay to the curates of the chapels (Elland and Heptonstall) a salary of £4 each, which is done to this day. The old church is dedicated to S. Thomas á Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, who was martyred 30th December, 1172. There is, on the opposite hill in Wadsworth, a hamlet now called Pecket Well, evidently from a holy well, dedicated to the same saint. It is very probable, that the church was built soon after the archbishop's murder, whilst the memory of it was still fresh.

There is no mention of any chapels in connection with Halifax church, in the deed of earl Warren *circa* 1146, in which he gives the churches in Wakefield manor, to the priory of Lewes. It is very probable, however, that there was some glebe land in Heptonstall belonging to Halifax church; for in the British

Museum, *Vespasian F xv. folio 305b*, *Cottonian MSS.*, is a rental of Heptonstall dated 1439, due to the priory of Lewes. In a similar rental of Halifax, occurs the name of John Grenewode, clerk, of Hemptonstall; and two years previously, on the 11th April, 1437, a man was fined 5s. for assaulting, and blood-shedding from, William Aspenden, chaplain at Heptonstall. These are the earliest mentions, yet seen, of clergy of Heptonstall. Chaplain generally means one who serves a chantry, and at Heptonstall there were two chantries, according to Watson, but the certificates in the Augmentation office give only one. This was founded by William Grenewod of Heptonstall, by his will, 12th October, 1506.

"Item. I will y<sup>t</sup> myn executors purches asmuch land as thei may gett for y<sup>e</sup> valor of x mark. And that lond so bought and purchased I will it remayn to thaid and fynding of one honest p<sup>'st</sup> : to sing w<sup>e</sup> in the chappell of our Lady, in y<sup>e</sup> church aforesaid (Saint Thomas the Martyr, Heptonstall), and so to continue. And as sone as myn executors have a lawfull estate by the law, of and in all such landes rentes and ten'ts: as they shall purches w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said x markes, I will y<sup>t</sup> thai immediatly afr y<sup>e</sup> same, make a lawfull estate and feoffem<sup>t</sup> as strong as ya cane, of and in all such landes rentes and ten'ts: as ya shall purches w<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said x markes, to vj honest men of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>'sh</sup> aforesaid, to thuse and behove of y<sup>e</sup> fynding of y<sup>e</sup> said p<sup>'st</sup> : And if it fortune ij or iij at y<sup>e</sup> most of y<sup>e</sup> said feoffees to dye, then I will y<sup>t</sup> tha levying mak ov<sup>r</sup> for tham so decessyd, to y<sup>e</sup> number of vj, as often as it shall neid. Also I gife to y<sup>e</sup> wark of y<sup>e</sup> said chappell xxs."

The chantry certificate in the Augmentation office, supplies a further account of the legacy:—

"N. 33. The chauntrie in the chapell of Heptenstall in the parochie of Hallifaxe, Roberte Bentley incumbent. the same is of thordinance of William Grenewoode, to thentent to pray for Xpen sowles, and to have in the said chapell, Divyne service done and celebrate, as by the ordinance of the same, dated ultimo Aprilis A<sup>o</sup> D<sup>ni</sup> MDxxiii<sup>to</sup> apperyth.

The same is within the said parochie, and distaunt from the said church vj myles; the necessitie is to have masse and Dyvine service celebrate and done in the said chapell, the same is used accordinglie. Goods, *nil*. Plate, *nil*.

First, certen lands and tenements in Holme Fryth, in the tenures of Henry Haigh and John Charlesworth, over and above the rent to the chief lord by yere ...	s66	8d
Messuage in Wyke called Hie Fernely, in tenure of William Boukley, over and above &c. ...	20	0
Cottage called Gleide Shay in tenure of John Horsfall ...	13	4
	100	0
10th ...	10	c
	90	0

In Browne Willis' *History of Abbies*, p. 292, is the following, amongst pensions and annuities paid to incumbents of chantries, &c., in 1553 :—

HEMPSTON STALLE, Virgin *Mary's* Chantry. To Richard Mitchell, Incumbent. 3l. 12s.

This Richard Mitchell was curate of Heptonstall, and his name occurs from 1538 to 1559, the latter being the date of his will. The court rolls of Wakefield shew what became of the land in Holme. On the 24th May, 1548, Robert Horsfall of Balderoide, Henry Sutcliffe, John Michell, and Edward Akroyd (surviving trustees of a deed dated 11th October, 1521), feoffees of the service of the Blessed Mary within the church of Heptonstall, appeared and surrendered 16 acres of land, &c., in graveship of Holme, called Boythe house, in tenure of John Charlesworth and Robert Hagh, to the use of Robert Bentley, chaplain, during his life, and remainder to Thomas Gargrave knight and Thomas Darley, to the use of John Cotton, gent., and his heirs, by virtue of a certain commission of the lord the king, by John Tempest, knight, seneschal of the court, and Henry Saivell, esq., supervisor.

Some of the testamentary burials within the church or churchyard of Heptonstall, and also bequests in the same wills, are curious, and deserve more than a passing mention. Many valuable references to the date of rebuilding or repairing churches, are to be found in the wills of the period. Dodsworth records the earliest testamentary burial; the remainder are extracted from the wills at York. The date is that of the will.

1467	—	Shagh Robert, Heptonstall.	Churchyard.
1479	October 20.	Akerod John, Heptonstall.	do.
1506	„ 12.	Grenewod William, Heptonstall.	Quire of Church.
1508	November 20.	Greenwood William, Heptonstall.	Church.
	December 10.	Stansfeld Thomas.	do.
1508-9	February 20.	Grenewode Jacobus, Wadsworth.	do.
1509	May 28.	Nayler Thomas, Heptonstall.	Churchyard.
1510	June 10.	Nayler Richard.	do.

“Item : lego p<sup>r</sup>dict. capelle ad supportacōem S<sup>r</sup>vicii bte : Marie decem m<sup>o</sup>cas.”

1514	July 3.	Crabtree Thomas, Heptonstall.	Churchyard.
1514-5	March 14.	Shakilton Jacobus, Wadsworth.	do.
1517	August 20.	Fayrbank Richard.	do.
1517-8	March 19.	Browne sir Robert, priest.	Church.

“Allso I will that every prest beyng at my dirige and messe, have iiijd; and every clark that can syng 1d.

Allso I bequeath to the chappell of Heptonstall, a coppe of velvet, and that my soule, my ffader's soull and my moder's soull be upon the bedrowll to be praied for evermore, the price of the same xx<sup>ti</sup> nobilles.

Also I will ther be a trentall of Saynt Gregorie said and sung at Heptonstall, for my soull and the soules of Lawrence Bentley and Jennet his wyffe, and that prest to have xs. Allso I bequeath to the makyng of Sourbrige v markes.”

1518	November 22.	Harde William.	Church.
1520	„ 15.	Sutcliffe Roberte, Cherd (?)	do.
	„ 3.	Sutclif William.	Churchyard.
1520-21	January 15.	Cokcroft Henry, Burleis.	Church.
	February 3.	Aykeroide Thomas, Wadsworth.	Churchyard.
	„ 8.	Hanson George.	do.
1521	June 21.	Crosley John, Kilnehist.	do.
1523	April 6.	Crosley Peter.	South part of the Kirke.

“Also I wil towards the reparelling of the stepill of the said Kirke v markes.”

	June 10.	Gibson John.	Churchyard.
1524	April 23.	Shakelton John.	do.
1526	August 11.	Sutclif Henry.	do.
1527	June 10.	Crosley Richard.	do.
1528	April 29.	Shakilton Elizabeth, relict of James, of Wadsworth banks.	Churchyard.
1530	November 19.	Horsfall Thomas, (Bawdewayne rode)	do.
1530 1	January 3.	Sutcliff Robert, Meyrode.	Church.

- 1533 December 10. ffarebanke Edmund. Church,  
 "The said Edmund (his son, who was parish clerk of Heptonstall) to pay yerely to new chapell in thestfeld of Hiperom (Lightcliffe chapel), towards fyndyng of a prest ther for ever xx<sup>d</sup>."
- 1534 November 5. Hemyngway John, Ayringden. Churchyard.  
 " 4. Crabtre Thomas, Heptonstall. do.  
 September 21. Grenwod William, Heptonstall. do.
- 1534-5 February 12. Stansfelde Laurence, Stansfeld. Church  
 or Churchyard.
- 1532 October 6. Midgeley William. Churchyard.  
 1535 November 10. Crabtre Ric'us, Heptonstall. do.  
 1536-7 February 13. Grenewod John, Colden. Church.
- "I bequeathe to the reparating of the rode lofte at the said Heptonstall iijs iiijd."
- 1537 April 8. Horsfall Robert, Heptonstall. Churchyard.  
 1538 " 7. Sutclif Richard, Heptonstall. Church.  
 November 14. fflecher William. Churchyard.
- 1539 April 9. Mychill William, Heptonstall. Church.  
 June 11. Acroid William, Heptonstall. Churchyard.  
 July 15. Estwood Richard, Aeryngden. Church.
- "I give other iijs iiijd towards repa'cons of the said church, so that my childer children may occupie one forme, next benethe Bentley forme."
- July 3. Michell James, Blackshayhead. Churchyard.  
 July 20. Sutclif John, Wethyns. do.
- 1539-40 January 23. Stancefelde Nicholas, Heptonstall. Church.  
 " 14. Thomas William, Helhouse. do.
- 1539 December 12. Grenwoode James, Heptonstall. Churchyard.  
 " 9. Sutclif John, Hirst. do.
- 1540 May 6. fflecher Richarde, Heptonstall. do.
- "My bodie to be buried in the church yerde dedicate to God, in the memorie of the holie apostle Saincte Thomas."
- 1540-1 January 12. Hergraves James, Heptonstall. Church.  
 1540 October 7. Bentley William, Heptonstall. Churchyard.  
 1541 April 6. Cokcrofte Agnes, Heptonstall. Church.
- 'Next my forme ende. Also unto one honest and lawfull preste, which hath no manner service, iiij<sup>li</sup> sterlinge, for the space of one yere . . . to serve and say in the parishe church at Heptonstall, contynually duringe the saide spacie of one holl yere, matins, messe, evensonge and all other dyvine servyce, and to pray contynuallye, for the saul's helth of me, the saide Agnes Cokcrofte, and my parent's saules, and all christen saules."

- 1541 May 16. Thomlynson John, Heptonstall. Church.  
 1542 April 23. Shakilton Chroft (Christopher), Gudgreif. Churchyard.  
 May 19. Sutclif John, Mankynehoilles. do.  
 1542-3 January 29. Dickson Agnes, Wadsworth. Church.  
 March 20. Nayler Thomas, Wadsworth banks. do.  
 1543 May 15. Shakelton John, Walshawe. Churchyard.  
 June 20. Hargraves Richard, Wadsworth. do.  
 August 6. Migeley Thomas, Stancefelde. do.  
 November 19. fflorenes Robert, Ayrinden. Church.  
 1543-4 February 1. Hemynghway James, Heptonstall. Churchyard.  
 1544 April 24. Crabtre Robert, Heptonstall. do.  
 1545-6 January 10. Brigge Thomas, Roughe Heade. Churchyard.  
 1545 October 20. Midgley John, Heptonstall. Church.  
 1546 June 12. Naler Alice, Wadsworth banks, widow. Church.  
 1545-6 March 23. Sutclif Robert, Holloke Lee. Church or Churchyard.  
 1546 November 18. Mychell John, Crosleye. do.  
 1547 July 1. Crosseley John, Heptonstall. Churchyard.  
 1548 May 1. Utlay Robert, Heptonstall. do.  
 1547-8 February 28. Stansfeld Henrie, Shoore. do.  
 1548 May 14. Michell Richarde, hie grenewood. do.  
 1549 April 20. Helewell Richard, Whitlee. do.  
 1548 June 25. Ferror Henrie, Ewewood. Church.  
 1551 April 5. Grenewood William, Heptonstall. Churchyard.  
 June 11. Brig Richarde, Oldtowne. Church.  
 1556-7 February 8. Aikroode William, Heptonstall. do.  
 1582 October 1. Aickroid Robert, Heptonstall. Churchyard.  
 1586 August 7. Hellowell Thomas, parish of Halifax. do.  
 1619 September 16. Gramshaw James, do.  
 1621 August 18. Bell John (nuncupative). do.  
 September 23. Acroid Alice, Langfield. do.  
 1627 June 19. Stansfeild Agnes, Wadsworth, widow. Church.  
 1631-2 February 6. Greenwood John, Mansfeild house  
 Church or Churchyard.  
 1569 June 10. Sutcliff Henry of Aryngden, tailer, bequeathed  
 as follows :—  
 "Item. I gyve unto the byinge of a bible of the great volome,  
 to the churche of Heptonstall iij. iiij. d."  
 September 23. Sutclif Thomas of Ould chamber, also gave :—  
 "to the said churche of Heptonstall xij. d. towards the byinge  
 of one Byble."

In the churchyard are one or two curious gravestones, remarkable for their peculiar epitaphs. The following occurs on the under side of a stone, which was turned over to be copied.

"J.G. 1774. J.G. 1799, aged 66. M.G. 1808, aged 78. In memory of William G. of Pecketwell, who was found dead at Bridge-well head in Wadsworth, on the 14th day of August, 1820. He was forsaken by a bad wife, who enforced him to serve His Majesty, in the 3rd York Militia for eight years. He left a girl aged 16 years, to be cozened by her mothering father out of his money; his own father deposed for felony; his own brother James G who was arraigned before a magistrate for his raiment, which he had bequeathed to him before his death, in the presence of two witnesses.

His thread of life now spun,  
His age near thirty-four years;  
And in his trade dropped down,  
And left this vale of tears.

James Greenwood stone. T.G.

Upon the upper side of the same stone:—

T.G. Heare lyeth the body of Henery Clayton, who departed the 24 June 1650. E.N. Feb. 9, 1695.

Other curious stones are the following, the first a little west of the old church:—

He lived as no one. He died as no one. Being buried as no one. N & S.

Henry Bentley oweth this stone, and to the Lord he made his mone. And he did pray to God when he did die: that his soul might rest eternally. H.B. 1726.

David Hartley, 1770.  
W. H., 1789.

Here lieth the body of Mark Saltonstall. Died August 16th, 1783, aged 19.

The last but one is the gravestone of "King David," who was the head of a gang of coiners in Erringden. He was executed, as is recorded in the church register of burials, under date 1st May, 1770. The last is the gravestone of "Sotty," who was hung on Beacon hill, near Halifax, for inciting a riot, and breaking into a bread shop, in a time of scarcity. It was always said in the neighbourhood that "Sotty" was not guilty; but that it was a man called "Whistlepegs," who broke open the door. The rope broke with his companion, Pickles, tradition says; but the entry in the register, see 19 August 1783, is Thomas Spencer.

In 1849, the Rev. Joshua Fawcett, M.A., published *A Memorial, Historical and Architectural, of the Church of St. Thomas à Becket, Heptonstall*. In this, as well as in Watson's and other Histories of Halifax, much interesting information relating to the church will be found. It is somewhat strange, that when the new church was built, it was dedicated to St. Thomas the Apostle. A similar instance of change of dedication, took place on the rebuilding of Sowerby Bridge church. The old church was close by the bridge, on the Warley bank of the Calder, and was dedicated to St. Mary. The new church is dedicated as Christ church. This seems a slight upon the memory of a mother that no man, solely human, could overlook; but time has revenged her memory, for since then, in the neighbouring township of Sowerby, two out of three new churches, have been dedicated to the mother of Christ, viz., St. Mary, Cottonstones, and St. Mary the Virgin, Luddendenfoot. But in the case of two saints bearing the same name, it is not uncommon to find both commemorated in a greater and less degree; and in a church at Antwerp, dedicated to St. Augustine, the mural paintings illustrate the lives of both the bishop of Hippo and the archbishop of Canterbury.

The following are the inscriptions, &c., within the new church.

Over the tower entrance, cut into the lintel :—

“ St. Thomas' Church, consecrated October 26th, 1854.”

THE CHANCEL : A brass on the reading desk :—

In Memory of MATTHEW SUTCLIFFE, D.D., a Native of this Chapelry, and Dean of Exeter, in the Reign of James 1st.

A brass on the organ front in the south chapel, or chancel aisle :—

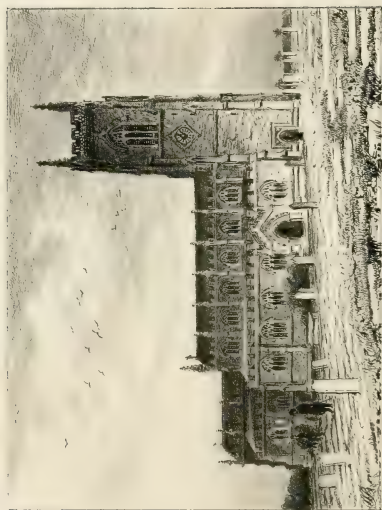
This Organ was Presented, A.D. 1867, by JOHN CROSSLEY SUTCLIFFE, J.P., D.L., of the Lee, Heptonstall.

On the roof in the north chapel or chancel aisle, is a hatchment, the dexter side of the frame sable, bearing the following :—

ARMS : Quarterly, 1st and 4th : Sable, a chevron ermine with two couple closes or, between three swans argent (should be beaked and membered of the third, the two in chief respecting each other, as granted to EASTWOOD in 1747).







2nd and 3rd : Or, on a fess gules, three lozenge buckles of the field. (SHACKLETON.)

On the roof of the south chapel, or chancel aisle, immediately opposite, is a similar hatchment, but with both sides sable, bearing the same arms, with the following additions :—

CREST : Over a squire's helmet, on a wreath of the colours, a sinister arm gules, embowed at the elbow, cuffed ermine, holding a pheon shafted in bend sinister. (This crest differs from that in the window, being in bend sinister instead of dexter.)

MOTTO : HOC TENEMUS.

WEST END : The Royal Arms are over the west gallery, "G. R. III.," same as at Sowerby. In the west gallery, on the north wall of the tower, are four mural tablets :—

At the foot of this pillar lie the remains of SARAH, wife of JAMES KING, of Mitholm, in Stansfield, died December 4th, 1743. JAMES KING, died November 14th, 1753, Æ 57. SARAH, wife of JAMES KING, Esq., Son of the above, died December 19th, 1810, Æ 69. JAMES KING, died July 12th, 1813, Æ 78. Two of their children died young. MARY, their only surviving daughter, widow of ALEXANDER TURNER, Esq., of Leeds, died July 8th, 1824, Æ 63.

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WILLIAM COCKCROFT, of Mayroyd, Esq., and MARY, his wife, and HENRY, ELIZABETH, and GRACE, their children.

This Monument erected by the Executor of BARBARA LOBLEY, another of their children, 1797.

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In memory of ANN, wife of WILLIAM COCKCROFT, Gent., Late of Stocks in Erringden, deceased, and third daughter of WILLIAM COCKCROFT, Esq., of Mayroyd, who died March 19th, 1823, aged 83 years.

At the foot of the centre tablet, on a smaller one :—

The Three Monuments above, originally placed in the Old Church, were erected here by the Churchwardens, A.D. 1873.

In the west gallery, on the south tower wall, are also four tablets :—

L.H.S. Sacred to the memory of the FOSTERS of Learings, in this township, whose remains are resting near the Communion Table of this church in hopes of a blessed resurrection to eternal

life. SARAH, the wife of JOHN FOSTER, Esq., who died 27th April, 1814, aged 40 years. THOMAS, their son, who died 10th August, 1825, aged 16 years. BETTY, their daughter, who died 20th March, 1841, aged 46 years. Also the said JOHN FOSTER, Esq., who died 25th November, 1841, aged 70 years.

The surviving children of the above-mentioned JOHN and SARAH FOSTER have raised this tablet in affectionate remembrance of the virtues of the deceased.

In affectionate remembrance of WILLIAM SHACKLETON, late Master of the Free Grammar-School at this Place, where Thirty-six Years of his Life were occupied in an able, zealous, and laborious Discharge of the Duties of his Profession. This Monument was erected at the Expense of his grateful Scholars. He died Nov. 16th, 1805, in the 61st Year of his Age.

REST at the Foot of this Pillar the much-lamented Children of JOHN and BETTY GREENWOOD, of Heptonstall. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. For this is the End of all Men : and the Living will lay it to Heart. B.G., Died April 8th, 1791, aged 48. S.G., 2d wife of J.G., Died August 17, 1802, aged 51. Also JOHN GREENWOOD, Died June 16th, 1823, Aged 81 Years. Also ELIZABETH GREENWOOD, 3rd Wife of J.G.. Died August 30th, 1823, Aged 68 Years. GEORGE GD., *born 4th April, 1776 ; died 15th May, 1776.* HANNAH GD., *born 14th February, 1777 ; died 6th Jan., 1780.* ELIZABETH GD., *born 6th July, 1781 ; died 15th Jan., 1786.*

At the foot of the centre tablet, as on the north wall :—

The above, formerly in the old Church, was placed here by the Churchwardens, A.D. 1873.

In the ringing chamber is a representation of a clock face, with the following inscription on and underneath :—

TITUS BANCROFT, Maker. This Clock was Erected April, 1810. Churchwardens : JOHN ERNSHAW and WM. CRABTREE, Heptonstall ; DAVID MORLEY, Errenden ; JOHN INGHAM and JAMES SHACKLETON, Wadsworth.

THE WINDOWS : In the north wall of the Sacraminum :—

SUBJECT : Four apostles. INSCRIPTION : ✠ In memory of the late RICHARD SUTCLIFFE, yeoman of this town, by his widow and sons, as a kind husband and affectionate father, 1851.

On a similar window, that is, of four lights, each being filled by a representation of an apostle, in the south wall, immediately opposite is the :—

INSCRIPTION: ✠ In memory of JOSEPH CHARNOCK, incumbent of Heptonstall 44 years, who died December 25th, 1847, aged 82.

A three light window over the chancel arch bears the following arms. In the central light :—

ARMS: Quarterly, 1st and 4th: Gules, a bend between a demi unicorn erased in chief, and four crosses (should be crosslet floy) in base, all or. (FOSTER of Wadsworth Banks and Heptonstall Slack.) 2nd and 3rd: Quarterly, 1st and 4th: Argent, an elephant passant sable. (SUTCLIFFE, confirmed to Dr. Matthew Sutcliffe, dean of Exeter) 2nd and 3rd: Sable, a chevron ermine between three saltires argent. (GREENWOOD.)

Over all, an escutcheon of pretence bearing: Azure, on a chevron argent between three bezants, as many martlets, or (LORD, but obviously incorrectly emblazoned, as in Sowerby church it is impaled by GEORGE STANSFELD of Field House: Azure, a chevron or, charged with three martlets of the field, between as many annulets of the second).

CREST: A cubic arm erect, vested, holding in the hand a battle-axe fesseways.

MOTTO:

MONOGRAM: I. F.

The pedigree of JOHN FOSTER, Esqre., J.P., of Heptonstall Slack, who died 25th November, 1841, explains these quarterings. He married SARAH, the only daughter and heiress of HENRY LORD, Esq., of Bacup, co. Lancaster, whose arms are therefore borne on a shield of pretence. His father was :—

JOHN FOSTER, Esq., of Heptonstall Slack, who died 17th July, 1839, and was buried at Heptonstall 23rd July, 1839, aged 61 years. He married at Heptonstall, on the 18th December, 1794, MARY, the daughter of WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE, of Fieldhead. She was the only child who left any issue, and her son, John Foster, became heir-at-law to her father's half cousin, William Sutcliffe of Bath, Esq., who died 7th May, 1852, without issue. Their last common ancestor was William Sutcliffe, who was baptised at Heptonstall, 15th April, 1698, and married, at Coley,

26th February, 1716, Dorothy Godby; and was the son of Robert Sutcliffe of Hoohole, and Mary (Eastwood) his wife.

WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE, father of Mary, wife of the above John Foster, married Grace, daughter of HENRY GREENWOOD of Field Head.

The northern light contains the following:—

ARMS: Per Pale, 1st: Argent, an elephant passant, sable. (SUTCLIFFE.) 2nd: Quarterly, 1st and 4th: Argent, an elephant passant sable. (SUTCLIFFE.) 2nd and 3rd: Sable, an elephant passant argent; in a chief azure, three mullets of six points, or. (COCKROFT of Mayroyd, as in Halifax Church.)

CREST: A demi man armed in antique mail, or, holding in the right hand a spear in pale, gold, over the shoulder a belt gules.

MOTTO: FOY EN TOUT. MONOGRAM: T.S.

The southern light contains the following:—

ARMS: Sable, a chevron ermine, with two couple closes or, between three swans argent (should be beaked and membered of the third, the two in chief respecting each other. EASTWOOD).

CREST: A cubit arm embowed at elbow, vested gules, holding a pheon shafted in bend.

MOTTO: MELIORA SPERO. MONOGRAM: A.G.E.

The Terrier book records that the stained glass in the east window cost £180, and that in the west window was put in by the Freemasons at a cost of £59 10s.; also that:—

The gable window of three lights over the chancel arch is commemorative of the first child of the Reverend Thomas Sutcliffe, being jointly subscribed for by the father and John Foster, Esq., and A. G. Eastwood, Esq., the sponsors, whose respective arms are depicted in the window. Cost £17.

NORTH AISLE: Easternmost window:—

SUBJECT: The centre light depicts the stable at Bethlehem. The Holy Child is lying in the manger. At the foot kneels the Blessed Virgin Mary in an attitude of devotion. S. Joseph, the putative father, stands towards the head of the manger, his left hand resting on his staff, and his right hand raised as though in admonition. The left rearground of the picture is filled by the

corner of a thatched cattle-shed, whence the heads of an ox and an ass project, gazing upon the scene. A palm tree occupies the rear. A panel beneath bears an angel holding a scroll inscribed, TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

The eastern light represents the three kings or magi bearing their mystic offerings, guided by the Star; and one of them leading a camel. The panel beneath bears under the monogram D.S.:—

ARMS : Sable, three goats trippant argent, armed and unguled or.

CREST : Over a squire's helmet, and upon a wreath of the colours, a demi lion rampant or (should be argent) langued gules.

MOTTO : NOSCE TE IPSUM.

The western light illustrates the vision of angels to the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem. In the cloud bearing the angels is a scroll, GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST. Two shepherds are shewn, one kneeling on his right knee with his hands outspread erect, and the other leaning on his shepherd's crook. Both are gazing upward, and a few sheep are seen behind them. The panel beneath, under the initials R.S. bears the following :—

ARMS : Vert, three goats trippant or.

CREST : Over a squire's helm and upon a wreath of the colours, a lion's head erased or, langued gules.

MOTTO : NOSCE TE IPSUM.

INSCRIPTION : This window was erected A.D. 1873, by descendants of Robert Stansfeld of Field House, near Halifax, ob. 1855; and of David Stansfeld of Hope Hall, Halifax, ob. 1769; to replace an east window of the old church, which bore the family arms and date 1508.

Second window :—

SUBJECT : Illustrative of the text beneath.

INSCRIPTION : Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden.

To the glory of God, and in memory of GEORGE SUTCLIFFE of Stoneshaygate in this parish, who died 4th Sep., 1875, and of MARTHA ANN his wife, who died 30 May, 1860, this window was erected by their son GAMALIEL SUTCLIFFE, A.D. 1878.

Third window :—

SUBJECT : Christ receiving little children.

INSCRIPTIONS : And whoso shall receive one such little child in My Name receiveth Me.

In loving remembrance of SELINA, the wife of JOHN EDWARD GREENWOOD, who died Nov., 1878, age 31 years

SOUTH AISLE : Easternmost window :—

SUBJECT : The Ascension.

INSCRIPTION : ✠ Dedicated by SARAH FOSTER, in memory of her late husband THOMAS FOSTER, of Carr House, Erringden, who died 11th February, 1835, aged 31 years. Also of ESTHER HANNAH SUTCLIFFE, her grand niece, who died 28th June, 1871, aged 26 years.

Second window :—

SUBJECT : Centre light, the Presentation in the Temple Eastern light, Query? S. John the Baptist, the aged Simeon and Anna the Prophetess. Western light, Christ walking with the two disciples to Emmaus.

INSCRIPTION : ✠ In memory of WILLIAM and MARY FOSTER, of Wood Top, late of Park in Erringden. ✠ Erected by SARAH FOSTER, of Carr House.

In the window of the upper school-room, adjoining the churchyard, are some remains of ancient stained glass from the old church. The whole measure no more than about two square feet ; and fragments may be indentified of a crucifixion ; a greyhound collared, or, apparently the sinister supporter of a shield of arms ; three fleurs de lis ; portions of dates, ccccliii, uiiii ; the letters "ETERNA," "HAM ;" a boy in ancient costume, blowing a horn and leading a dog by a rope ; an eagle on a mount, pluming itself ; a trefoil leaf split, or, and other subjects.

Henry VII. (1485-1509) used as supporters, DEXTER, a dragon, gules (being the ensign of his ancestor Cadwaladyr, the last king of the Britons), and SINISTER, a greyhound argent, collared or, (for the house of York) the collar charged with a rose gules (see Parker's *Glossary*, p. 23). The manor of Wakefield, of which Heptonstall was a portion, was granted to Edmund de Langley, fifth son of Edward III., in 1362, when created earl of Cambridge. He was afterwards created duke of York, by his nephew king Richard II., in 1385. He was succeeded by his son Edward, killed at the battle of Agincourt, 1415. Edward's nephew, Richard, succeeded him, and was slain at Wakefield fight in 1460 ; and his son became king Edward IV., since whose time the manor of Wakefield remained



in the hands of the crown until 1554, when it was united to the duchy of Lancaster. This sinister supporter therefore, as it was not borne by any lord of Wakefield before Henry VII in 1485, and was only borne by the succeeding lord (Henry VIII.) for a few years, is an additional evidence of the age of the east window of Heptonstall church; the date of which, 1508, along with the arms of Stansfeld, is preserved in the fragment of stained glass at Field House.

Other monuments in the old church are given in Fawcett's *Memorial*, from which work the following are copied.

To the memory of MRS. EASTWOOD, the wife of JOHN EASTWOOD, of Eastwood, Esq., 1847.

Gravestones within the altar rails, beginning at the south side.

17 D.L. 12. The Rev. Mr. DANIEL TOWNE, who supplied the cure of souls in this church of Heptonstall 44 years. Died May the 3rd, and was here buried the 8th, aged 81. His last text was "Buye the truth and sell it not." Pro. the 23rd chap., the 23rd verse,

T.S. 1748. TOBIT SUTCLIFFE, M.A., Glas—, qui post 58 annos pastorali hujus ecclesiæ curâ fideliter transactos decessit, 24 die Feb., 1803, anno ætatis, 85.

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Here lieth the body of GRACE, the wife of PAUL GREENWOOD, of Horsehold, deceased, who departed this life the 13th day of May, anno ætatis 82, domini 1708.

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Here lieth the body of SARAH COCKROFT, daughter of WILLIAM COCKROFT, of Mayroyd in Wadsworth, who departed this life the first day of February, anno domini 1700, and in the 38th year of her age. S.C.

On a brass plate :—

In memory of HENRY COCKROFT, only son of WILLIAM COCKROFT, of Mayroyd, gentleman, who died the 13th of January, 1773, aged 2 years.

Another brass plate :—

In memory of GRACE COCKROFT, 5th daughter of WILLIAM COCKROFT, Esq., of Mayroyd, who died the 20th of March, 1781, aged 33 years.

Another brass plate :—

Under here lieth the bodies of WILLIAM COCKROFT, of Mayroyd in Wadsworth, gentleman, and MARY, his wife. He died the 29th day of May, 1685, in the 47th year of his age. She died the 30th day of January, 1719, in the 84th year of her age.

On a marble slab :—

Here lies interred WILLIAM COCKROFT, of Mayroyd, Esq. He died Nov. 29, 1773, aged 68. Also MARY COCKROFT, his wife. She died Feb. the 27th, 1784, aged 79.

In memory of MRS. GRACE COCKROFT, of Mayroyd, who died unmarried, in March 1745, aged 70 years.

Under the communion table on a brass plate :—

In memory of HENRY COCKROFT, younger brother of WILLIAM COCKROFT of Mayroyd, gentleman, who died the 13th of March 1774, aged 66 years

On a brass plate, past the first pier from the chancel :—

Near this place lie the remains of GRACE SUTCLIFFE, daughter of WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE, Field Head, in Stansfield, gent., who died 1st April, 1805, aged 24 years. Also the remains of JOHN SUTCLIFFE, son of the same WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE, who quitted this transient scene of life 4th of May, 1805, aged 21 years. Also the remains of WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE, son of the above WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE, who departed this life 17th Jan. 1806, aged 34 years. An awful lesson this to surviving mortals.

On a pew door, half-way between the third and fourth pier in the middle row, was a brass plate inscribed :—

A little lower in this aisle, beneath the stone on which there is an index and reference to this inscription, rests the body of WILLIAM, the son of HENRY COCKROFT, of Great Burlees, Wadsworth, who was born May 1st, 1796, and died, Dec. 10th, 1802. And also of HENRY COCKROFT, the father of the above WM. COCKROFT, of Great Burlees, Wadsworth, who departed this life Jan. 18th, 1812, aged 54 years. In the same vault there resteth also the body of SARAH COCKROFT, the wife of the above HENRY COCKROFT, of Great Burlees, Wadsworth, who was born Aug. 9th, 1755, and died Aug. 5th, 1820.

Near the fourth pier was a brass plate :—

At the foot of this pillar are deposited the remains of SARAH HORSFALL, who died 18th Dec., 1779, aged 20 years.

On the first pillar in the south aisle was a brass plate, facing north :—

In memory of ABRAHAM GIBSON, junr., of Greenwood Lee, who died Feb. 7th, 1805, aged 24 years. See a stone near the foot of this pillar marked A.G., 1805. Also of GRACE, wife of ABRAHAM GIBSON, senr., who died July 19th, 1830, aged 76 years. Also of ABRAHAM GIBSON, senr., who died May 18th, 1834, aged 89 years.

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On the same pillar, looking west :—

Near unto this pillar lies the body of MARY, the daughter of JOHN EASTWOOD, of Eastwood, in Stansfield, and wife of ROBERT SUTCLIFFE, of Hoohole, in Erringden, who departed this life the 12th day of April, anno domini, 1698, and in the 30th year of her age. And also the body of ROBERT SUTCLIFFE, of Hoohole, her husband, who departed this life the 6th day of June, anno dom. 1728, and in the 63rd year of his age. Close to the north side of Greenwood Lee pew lies interred the body of ELLEN, first wife of JOHN SUTCLIFFE, of Hoohole, died 1765, aged 64 years. Also the body of the said JOHN SUTCLIFFE, who departed this life the 9th day of April, 1772, aged 53 years.

On Greenwood Lee pew, within the south chancel, and opposite the singers' pew was a brass plate :—

At the foot of this pew are interred the bodies of Mr. JNO. SUTCLIFFE, of Greenwood Lee, in Heptonstall, and of SARAH, his sister, late wife of Mr. GEORGE HEARTLEY, of New Church, in Pendle. He died July 27th, 1744, aged 28 ; she died Sept. 16th, 1744, aged 33.

In memory of BETTY GIBSON, daughter of ABM. GIBSON, of Greenwood Lee, who died Nov. 20th, 1778, aged 21 years. Also SUSANNAH, his wife, who died May 23rd, 1779, aged 58 years. Also the said ABM. GIBSON, who died June 16th, 1780, aged 60 years.

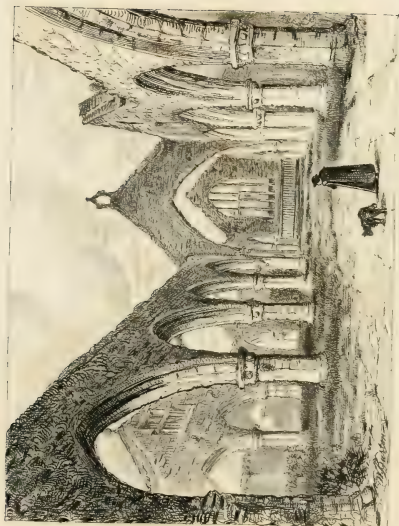
The inscriptions on the bells are as follows :—

No. 1. Tenor bell. " John Watson, York, Thomas Mears, London, fec't 1804." Weight, 10 cwt.

- No. 2. "Coelorum sanctis limina sacra patent, 1748." The sacred doors of heaven lie open to the saints.
- No. 3. "Vox mihi sacra data est, manibus me tangite castis, 1748." A sacred voice has been given me, therefore touch me with pure hands.
- No. 4. "Huc properate sonanti mea voce viri, 1748." Hasten hither, O ye men, when my voice sounds forth.
- No. 5. "Sum decor ecclesiæ, pinus ceu montibus altis." I am an ornament to the church, as the pine tree is to the lofty mountains.
- No. 6. "Given by contribution, Dalton of York, fecit, 1788."









## CHAPTER III.

### HEPTONSTALL REGISTERS.

#### VOLUME I.



THE first volume of Heptonstall registers contains marriages from 2nd January, 1593-4, to 28th August, 1660; baptisms from 8th July, 1599, to 23rd September, 1660; and burials from 12th January, 1593-4 to 16th September, 1653.

#### MARRIAGES.

- 1594 June. Simon Stansfeld et Janie R'bots nupt. xxv die.  
1594-5 March. Ric Horsfall et Isabell Stansfeld nupt. iiij die.  
1596 September. Anthonius Crosley et Ellin Stansfeld. vij die.  
October. Rob'tus Doughty et Grace Stansfeld. xxvij die.  
1596-7 february. Johes Tatersall et Jennet Stansfeld nupt. vj die.  
1599 May. James Killerby et Susana Stansfeld. xxvij die.  
1599-1600 January. Abrahā Stansfeld et Maria Dean nupt. xxij die.  
1601 October. Will'm Mychell et Mary Stansfeld nupt. viij die.  
1602 August. Will'm's Thom's et Mary Stansfeld nupt. xxvij die.  
1603 May. Caleb Brodley et Margareta Stansfeld nupt. xxij die.  
1604 October. Luke Horsfall et Grace Stansfeld. nupt. xxij die.  
1607-8 february. Thom's Crosley et Elyz. Stansfeld. ix die.  
1609 May. Abrahā Stansfeld et Eliz. Catlaw nupt. xxvij die.  
November. Henricus Stansfeld et Johanna Long nupt. xx die.  
1610 May. Edmund Stansfeld et Elysabeth Naylor. viij die.  
1611 July. Tobias Pighels et Dionis Stansfeld nupt. xxix die.  
1611-12 february. Joh'es Crosley et Martha Stansfeld nupt. iiij die.  
— Johnes Helewell et Christabell Stansfeld nupt. xxiiij die.  
1612 August. Ric Stansfeld et Sara Longbothom nupt. iij die.  
1614 September. Joh'es Sotill et Isabell Stansfeld nupt. vij die.  
1615 Maie. Jonas Baldwoine, Susan Stansfelde nupt. xxxj die.  
Julye. Edmundus Stansfeld, Prudence Horsfall nupt. xxij die.  
1616 November. Matthew Stansfeld et Margaret Midgley. 28 die.  
1617 April. Tho. Greenwood et Elizabeth Stansfeld nup: 23 die.  
1620 November. Richard Crosley et Easter Stansfeld nup. fuer't.  
12 die.

- 1621 Maye. Richard Grenwod et Martha Stansfeild nup. fuer't.  
7 die.  
Maye. Bartholemew Taylor et Grace Stansfeild. 15 die.  
August. George Stansfeild et Grace Barker. 28 die.  
December. James Stansfeild et Mary Crosley. 17 die.  
1621-2 March. Charles Haworthe et Susan Stansfeild. 5 die.  
1623 Aprill. Richardus Stansfeild et Maria Whittam. 30 die.  
September. Samu'll Crabtree et Dinah Stansfeild nup. 4 die.  
1624-5 february. Gideon Stansfeild et Grace Eastwod. 21 day.  
1625 November. James Stansfeilde et Liddia Crosley. 21 day.  
1627 Aprill. Michael Suttle et Sara Stansfeild. 21 day.  
Decembris. William Ingham et Anna Stansfeild. 17 die.  
1629 Novemb'r. Simon Stansfeild et Martha Horsfall. 3 day.  
1633 Aprill. John Stansfeild et Mary Bordall. 21 day.  
August. John Widdopp et Mary Stansfeild. 18 day.  
1634 Maie. Abraham Clegg, Meriam Stansfeild. 3 day.  
1637 Mensis Octobris. John Stansfeild, Ann Stansfeld nupti. 20 daie.  
1637-8 Mensis february. James Waltan, Susan Stansfeild nupt. att  
Hallifaxe.  
1639 Aprill. Willm Sunderlande, Grace Stansfeild nupt. 15 daye.  
Mensis May. Abraham Stansfeild, Alice Cockroft nupt. 26 day.  
Mensis July. Thomas Stansfeild et Grace Crabtree nupt. 16 day.  
1646 Aprilis. Jacobus Draper et Miriam Stansfeild nupt. fuer. 21 die.  
Junij. Joh'es Stansfeild et Prudencia Stansfeild nupt. fuer. 30 die.  
1652 May. Hen'y Stansfeild and Mary ffitton married at Luddingden.  
16 die.

## BAPTISMS.

- 1599 September. Johes fil. Johis Stansfeld, Stan. xxij die.  
1599-1600 March. b. Robtus fil Thome Stansfeld Margaret Law als  
Smyth, bapt. martij xxv die.  
1600 May. Margaret fil. Abrahā Stansfeld, Wad. bapt. xj die.  
1601 June. James fil Nicholas Stansfeld, Ayring. bapt. xiiij die.  
August. b. Martha fil. Thome Stansfeld et Margaret Smyth,  
bapt. xix die.  
1602 May. Anna fil. Myles Stansfeild De Sta. bapt. xxix. die.  
1603 Aprill. b. Jacobus fil. Luci Stansfeld et Grac Hawley, bapt. iij die.  
— Gracia fil. Nicholai Stansfeld De Stan. bapt. xvij die.  
June. Sara fil. Abrahā Stansfeld, Wad. bapt. xix die.  
December. b. Maria fil. Johis Wilkinson Janit Stansfeld, bapt?  
xxvj die.  
1604 Julius. Mirian fil. Milonis Stansfeld, Ayr. bapt. xv die.  
1605 July. Maria, Luke Stansfeild Grace Hawley, bapt. xxvj die.  
1606 July. Abrahā fil. Abrahā Stansfeld, Wad. bapt. xxvij die.  
1606-7 March. Maria fil. Myles Stansfeld, Ayr. bapt. viij die Martij.  
1608 June. Grace fil. Charles Stansfeild, bapt. xix die  
1609 May. Johes. fil. Johne Stansfeld de Stan. bapt. xxi die.  
August. Symon fil. Symon Stansfeld Stan. bapt. xxvij die.  
1610 Aprill. Abrahā fil. Charles Stansfeld Wad. bapt. xxvij die.  
Septe'br. Josua fil. Edmund Stansfeld Hept. bapt. ij die Septebr.  
October. Johes fil. Abrahā Stansfeld Sta. bapt. xx die.



- 1611-12 January. Martha fil. Johne Stansfeld Stan. bapt. xix die.  
 1612 May. Susan fil. Myles Stansfeld Ayr. bapt. xxj die.  
 1612-3 february. Henry fil. Abraha Stansfeld De Wad. bapt. xxj die.  
 1613 June. Charles fil. Charles Stansfeild Wad. bapt. vj die.  
 1614 October. Maria fil. Johis Stansfeld de Stan. bapt. ij die.  
 1616 June. Isabell fil. Richard Stansley Stan. bapt. 23 die  
 September. John fil. Edmund Stansfeld de Stan. bapt. 10 die.  
 1618 Julij. Prudens fil: John Stansfeild Stan. bapt. 12 die.  
 1619 December. Prudence fil. Edmud Stansfeild Stan. bapt. 12 die.  
 1620 Januarye. Susanna fill. Edmund Stansfeild, Sta. 7 die.  
 1621 April. Edmund fill. John Stansfeild Sta. 15 die.  
 1622 July. Thomas fill. George Stansfeilde Sta. 7 die.  
 1622-3 January. Maria fill. Edmundi Stansfeild Sta. 26 die.  
 1623 Aprill. Gideon fill Abrahi Stansfeild Sta. 28<sup>o</sup> die.  
 1623-4 January. b. Ann fil Johis Stansfeilde and Jane Watson. 4 die.  
 1625 Aprill. Jonas fill. Edmund Stansfeild Sta. 17 die.  
 November. James, John Stansfeld, S. 16 d.  
 1625 November. Mirriam, Giddon Stansfeld, H. 27.  
 1627 August. Jonathan fil Edmund Stansfeild de Stansf: 12 die.  
 December. Abraham, James Stansfield St. 9 die.  
 1627-8 January. Marie, George Stansfield St: 17 die.  
 — Marie, Gedeon Stansfield Wad: 20 die.  
 1628 August. John, Hugh Pilling, Stans. 3 day.  
 1629 December. Martha, Thomas ffoster, baptized at Crosstone, 13.  
 1629-30 Januarie. b. Margaret, Edmond Stansfeild and Joanna  
 Eastwood. 6.  
 — Susan, James Stansfeild, Stans. 31.  
 1630-31 Januarie. Grace, Edmond Stansfeild, Stans. 30 day.  
 1631-2 March. Abraham, fil Gideon Sta'sfeild de Wadsworth bapt.  
 11 day.  
 1632 September. Prudence fil. Edmund Stansfeild de Stan. bapt.  
 30 day.  
 1633 Julye. Gideon, John Stansfeild Stansfeild, 21 day.  
 1633-4 februarye. Dorathy, Edmund Stansfeild Jona Eastwode St. 21 die.  
 1634 Julye. Debora fil. Gideon Stansfeild de Wad, 27 die.  
 1635 Aprill. Martha, James Stansfeild Stansfeild, 12 die.  
 1636 October. base Henry fil Thomas Stand Eliz: ffarrer lang.  
 9 daie.  
 1636-7 Mensis februarye. John fil Gideon Stansfeild de Wad. bapt.  
 5 daie.  
 — b. Prudence fil Edmund Stansfeild Jona Eastwod St. 12 daie.  
 1637 Mensis Septembris. Debora fili James Stansfeild de Stansfeild  
 bapt. 25 daie.  
 1638 Mensis Novembris. Abigall fili Gideon Stansfeild, bapt. 25 day.  
 1639 Mensis Septembr. Martha, fili Thomas Stansfeild de St. bapt.  
 xxij day.  
 1639-40 mensis ffebr. John fili Jaunes Stansfeild de St. ix day.  
 March. Martha fili Edward Stansfeild, St. bapt. xxij day.  
 1640 Mensis Julij. Symon fili John Stansfeild St. bapt. 28 day.  
 1640-1 Mensis ffeb. Martha fili Jo. Stansfeild St. bapt. 14 day.  
 1641 Mensis May. Charles fili Ab. Stansfeild de Wad. bapt. 16 day.

- 1641 Mensis Maij. Sara fili Gideon Stansfeild de Wad. bap. 30 day.  
mensie Octobr. John fili Tho. Stansfeild de St. bap. 24 day.
- 1641-2 Mensie January. base Prudence Jo. Stansfeld, Sara Pickles, St.  
bap. 9 day.
- 1642 Mensie Aprill. Tymothie fil Abra Stansfeild Wad. bap. 26 day.  
mensis May. Charles fili Miles Stansfeild St. bap. 15 day.  
mensis August. Lidia fili James Stansfeild de St. bap. 7 day.
- 1643 Maij. Maria, filia Abrahami Stansfeild de Wadsworth bap. fuit.  
7 die.
- 1644 Septembris. ——— fil Milonis Stansfeild de Stansfeild bap.  
fuit. 3 die
- 1644-5 ffebruarij. Maria fil. Abrah. Stansfeild de Wadsworth bap. fuit.  
17 die.
- Carolus fil. Jacobi Stansfeild de Shore bap. fuit.  
23 die.
- Maria fil. Thome Stansfeild de Stansfeild bap. fuit.  
23 die.
- Marcij. Martha fil. Abrahami Stansfeild de Wadsworth bap.  
fuit. 16 die.
- 1645 Maij. Maria fil. Johis Stansfeild de Stansfeld bap. fuit. 11 die.
- 1646 Septembris. Prudencia fil. Johis Stansfeild de Stansfeild bap.  
13 die.
- 1646-7 Januarij. Susan filia Abrahami Stansfeild de Wadsworth bap.  
31 die.
- 1647 Maij. Hanna fil. Abrahami Stansfeild de Wad. bap. ap'd.  
Luddingden, 21 die.
- Junij. Jacobus fil Josephi Stansfeild de Stansfeild bap. fuit.  
27 die.
- Julij. Jacobus fil. Thome Stansfeild de Stansfeild bap. fuit.  
11 die
- Octobris. Elizabetha filia Johis Pillinge de Stansfeild bap.  
3 die.
- Decembris. ——— fili Johis Stansfeild de Shore bap. 19 die.
- 1648 Julij. William, Hugh Pilling, Stans. bap. 26 die.
- Decembris. Georgius fil. Johis Stansfeild de Shore bap. 24 die.
- 1648-9 Januarij. Carolus fil Abraham Stansfeild de Wadsworth bap.  
14 die.
- 1648-9 ffebruarij. Gilb'tus fil. Gilb'ti Lacye de Midgeley bap. apud  
Croston. 9 die.
- 1649 Octobris. John fil Johis Pillinge de Stansfeild, bap. fuit. 12 die.
- 1649-50 Januarij. Carolus fili Abrahami Stansfeild de Mithomroid  
brigge, bap. apud Luddingden. 22 die.
- 1650 Junij. Thomas, Gracia, gemelli Josephi Stansfeild de Hepton-  
stall, bap. 16 die.
- Septembris. Thomas, Hugh Pilling, Stans. bap. 17 die.
- 1650-1 ffebruarij. Sara fil. Abrahami Stansfeild de Wadsworth bap.  
fuit. 23 die
- 1651-2 Januarij. Richard fil Johis Pillinge de Stansfeild bap. fuit.  
8 die.
- 1652 August. Mary, daughter of Henry Stansfeild of Wadsworth,  
bap. 22.

- 1653 July. Abraham, sonne of Abraham Stansfeild of Wadsworth,  
bap. 16.  
August. base. Martha daughter of Wm. Sunderland and Martha  
Stansfeild. 9.
- 1654 Septembr. Richd. John Stansfeld Shore bap. 10.
- 1655 July. Martha, Henry Stansfeild, loines, bapt. 29.
- 1658 August. Mary, Abr. Stansfeild, Eastwood, bap. 15.

## BURIALS.

- 1594 November. Ric. Stansfeld de Ayring. sepult. xvj die.  
— ux. Johis Stansfeld de Stan. sepult. xix die.
- 1595 May. ux. Thome Stansfeld de Stan. sepult. xxij die.  
October. Johes Stansfeld de Stan. xij die.  
December. Maria fil Ric Stansfeld de Hept. xxix die.
- 1596 June. Agnes Stansfeld de Lang sepult. viij die.
- 1596-7 January. Margaret Stansfeld, Stan. xxxj die.  
february. Susan fil Henrici Stansfeld Wad. iiij die.
- 1597 October. ux. Edmund Stansfeld, Stan. xv die.  
December. Jane Stansfeld, Hepton, sepult. xxx die.
- 1597-8 March. ux Johis Stansfeld, Ayring. xxij die.
- 1598 Aprill. Eliz. Stansfeld, Stan. eodem die (xijj).  
June. Infans fil Thome Stansfeld Sta. xxiiij die.  
July. ux Thome Stansfeld, Stan. sepult. xxx die.  
October. Edwardus Stansfeld, Todmordē xvij die.
- 1599 July. Johes Stansfeld Ayring. sepult. xx die.  
August. Willms Stansfeld, Hepton. xvj die.
- 1600 December. ux Henrici Stansfeld de Sta. xxij die.
- 1601 July. Edmnds. Stansfeld de Stansfeld, sepult. xxvij die.
- 1601-2 March. Elizabethæ Dei gratia Anglia francia et hiberniæ  
reginæ sepult hoc mensis.
- 1602 Aprill. ux Edwardi Stansfeild de Stansfeld sepult. xj die.  
July. Georgius Stansfeld De Ayringdē. xxix die.  
October. ux Nicholai Stansfeld de Sta. xij die.  
November. ux Myles Stansfeld De Sta. sepult. xxiiij die.
- 1604 May. ux Edwardi Stansfeld De Sta. xij die.
- 1606 June. ux Nycholas Stansfeld, Ayr. sepult eodem die (xxiiij).
- 1606-7 January. Edward Stansfeild De Sta, sepult. iiij die.  
March. Luke Stansfeld De Wadesworth sepult. xxij die.
- 1607 August. ux Edward Stansfeld De Lang. sepult. xxij die.
- 1607-8 february. Grace Stansfeild De Hepto. sepult eodem die (xijj).
- 1608-9 January. Johes fil Nicholas Stansfeld, Ayr. sepult. ij die.
- 1609 Aprill. Jome (? Jane) fil Nycholus Stansfeld De Stan. xxvij die.  
December. Agnes Stansfeild De Ayringden. xj die.
- 1610 December. ux Thoms Stansfeld De Hept. sepult. xvij die.
- 1611 July. ux Edwards Stansfeld, Wad. sepult. iij die.
- 1612-3 January. Charles Stansfeld De Wad. sepult. xvij die.
- 1613 December. Thoms Stansfeld De Stan. sepult. p<sup>mo</sup> die.
- 1613-4 March. ux Nycholus Stansfeild de Ayr. sepult. vj die.
- 1616 Aprill. Vidua James Stansley, Hep. sep. 12 die.  
October. Sara Stansfeild, Lang. sepult. 2 die.
- 1617 August. Infant John Stansfeild, Stan. sep. 17 die.

- 1617-8 february. Thomas Stansfeild, Stan. 10 day.  
 1618 May. Henrie Stansfeild, Sta. sep. 21 die.  
     September. Infant Edmund Stansfeild, Stan. 29 die.  
     October. James Stansfeild, Hep. sep. 18 day.  
 1619 December. Prudence Stansfeild, Stan. sep. 20 die.  
 1620 September. Uxor. Johanis Stansfeld de Shore sep. 13 die.  
 1621 December. Edward Stansfeild, Lang. 28 die.  
 1622 May. Edward Stansfeild, Sta. 25 die.  
     October. James Stansfeild, Ayr. 31 die.  
     November. Mary Stansfeild, St. 18 die.  
 1623 May. Johes Stansfeild, St. 26<sup>o</sup> die.  
     June. uxor Jacobi Stansfeild, Sta. 29<sup>o</sup> die.  
     Septembr. Margar'ta Stansfeild, Wad. 5<sup>o</sup> die.  
     — Infās Abrahami Stansfeild, Stan. 6<sup>o</sup> die.  
     Octobr. Mr. franciscus Hooft, Sta. sepult. 27 die.  
 1625 Aprill. uxor. George Stansfeild, Sta. 3 day.  
 1625-6 february. Infās James Stansfeild, St. 11 day.  
 1627 Septembris Vidua Nich. Stansfeld, Wad. 12 die.  
 1630 Aprill. Simon Stansfeild, Stansf. 24 day.  
     These Parsones dead of the plague or supposed to dy of that  
     disease w<sup>th</sup>in the p<sup>ish</sup> of Heptonstall to the Number of one  
     hundreth & Seauen.  
 1631 August. Eliphall Smyth, Heptonstall, sone of the Minister.  
     18 day.  
     — Will'm Smithe, minister. 20 day.  
     — uxor Mathew Stansfeild. 28 day.  
     Septembr. Mathew Stansfeild. 9 day.  
     October. John Hoyle Clerke, Hep.  
     — vidua Mr. Smyth, minist<sup>r</sup> Hep.  
     All thez dyed of the Plague, 1631.  
 1632 Decembr. Debora Stansfeild, St. 24 die.  
 1633 Decembr. uxor John Stansfeild, Stans. 20 die.  
 1635 Novembr. Infans Gideon Stansfeild, Wad sepul. 23 day.  
 1636 Juely. Charles Stansfeild, Wad. 1 die.  
 1637 Juelie. James Stansfeild de Stansfeild sepult. fuit 30 daie.  
     December. Infans Gibson (? Gideon) Stansfeild de Wad. sepult.  
     31 day.  
 1638 Mensis August. Infans Abraham Stansfeild sep. 25 day.  
 1638-9 Mensis february. Vidua James Stansfeild de Stansfeild Hall.  
     17 day.  
 1639 July. Infans Abraham Stansfeild de Wad. sep. xix day.  
 1640 September. Uxor Myles Stansfeild de St. sepult. 3 day.  
 1640-1 feeb. John Stansfeild de St. sepult. 10 day.  
     — Vidua Symon Stansfeild de St. 19 day.  
 1642-3 Februarij. Infans Abrahami Stansfeild de — sepult. fuit.  
     11 die.  
     Marcij. Infans Thome Stansfeild de Stansfeild sep. fuit. 24 die.  
 1643 Decembris. Johes Stansfeild de Halifax sepultus fuit. 23 die.  
 1643-4 februarij. Abrahamus Stansfeild, de Wadsworth sep. fuit. 4 die.  
 1646 Aprilis. uxor Milonis Stansfeild de Shore in Stansf. sep. 27 die.  
 1647-8 Januarij. Infans Johis Stansfeild de Shore sepult. fuit. 4 die.

- 1648-9 Februarii. Infans Johis Stansfeild de Stansfeild sep. 19 die.  
 1649 Julij Infans Johis Stansfeild de Shore sep. 21 die.  
 1650 Aprilis. Infans Johis Stansfeild de Shore sepult. fuit. 27 die.  
 Junii. Infans Abrahami Stansfeild de eadem (Wadsworth) sep.  
 18 die.  
 1650-1 Januarij. Vidua Abrahami Stansfeild de Wadsworth sep. 2 die.  
 1651 Aprilis. Infans Thome Stansfeild de Stansfeild sep. 14 die.  
 Septembris. A Scott travaileinge from Worcester homeward.  
 17 day.  
 Octobris. An infant of Thomas Stansfeild of Stansfeild buried.  
 24 day.  
 1652 May. An infant of John Stansfeild of Shore buried. 2 day.  
 1653 August. An infant of John Stansfeildes of Shore buried. 7 day.  
 Here endeth ye Burials (in volume I).

At the end are many entries relating to benefactions, sales of seats, &c., amongst them the following :—

Md. y<sup>e</sup> 21 day of April Anno Domini 1572 in y<sup>e</sup> parish Church of Heptonstall there were laid up in y<sup>e</sup> Coffe with y<sup>e</sup> Register Book 120 Organ pipes And 16 great pipes, 5 wood pipes, and 15 Lead pipes were laid up with Richard Bentley in Heptonstall for y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> parish in y<sup>e</sup> presence of us Men whose names are underwritten

By me Wm. Greenwood  
 By me Thos. Broadley  
 By me Michael Bentley  
 By me Wm. Mitchell  
 By Rich<sup>d</sup>. Shackleton  
 p<sup>r</sup> me Wm. Mitchell  
 Clericum ibid<sup>m</sup>.

## VOLUME II.

The second volume of registers commences in 1653, and at the beginning is bound up, printed on paper, a copy of the :—

“Act touching Marriages and the Registering thereof, And also touching Births and Burials. *London*, Printed by *Iohn Field*, printer to the Parliament of *England*, 1653.”

The first page of the register, which is of parchment throughout, contains the certificate of Will. ffarrer, J.P., respecting the purposes of the book, and the election and appointment of Edmonde Rigge, as parish registrar under the Act. The second page contains the account of the appointment and payment of Richard Wadsworth, as parish clerk in 1676. The other pages are occupied as follows :—

- Pages 3—19 births from 5th October, 1653, to — September, 1660.  
 21—63 baptisms from 7th October, 1660, to 24th March, 1685-6.  
 64—98 banns and Commonwealth marriages from 9th, October 1653, to 7th October, 1660.  
 99—111 marriages from 9th October, 1660, to 16th Feb. 1685-6.  
 112 contains a copy of the archbishop's mandate to Crostone chapel respecting certificates of baptisms and burials within that chapelry, namely, the townships of Stansfeld and Langfield, to be sent to the curate of Heptonstall, and enjoining the prevention of burials in Todmorden of parishioners of Crostone chapelry, dated 28th June, 1682.  
 113, and four inserted leaves, contain receipts of the incoming churchwardens, for the goods of the church, from the 24th May, 1759, to the 19th June, 1814.  
 114—163 contain burials from 31st October, 1653, to 24th February, 1685-6; and a few remaining leaves are occupied by entries of certain agreements, &c., relating to stalls in the church, and by some further receipts by incoming churchwardens.

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- 1653 December. George Stansfeld of Adam Royd in Stansfeld was buried at Todmorden. 5.  
 1653-4 february. Elizabeth Stansfeld of Harley Wood in Stansfeld, widow, late wife of Miles Stansfeld, bur. 28.  
 1654 October. An unbapt. son and inf. of James Stansfeld of Cowbank in Hundersfeld, buried the 29.  
 1655 October. An unbapt. son and inf. of James Stansfeld of Cowbank in Hundersfeld. 6.  
 1656 August. An unbapt. son and inf. of James Stansfeld of Cowbank in Hundersfeld. 7.  
 November. Gedeon Stansfeld younger of Heptonstall was buried the 29.  
 — John son of John Stansfeld of Harley Wood in Stansfeld at Crostone, the 20.  
 1657 June. Jane Stansfeld of Stansfeld was buried at the Crostone the 15.  
 1658 March. James Stansfeld of Stansfeld, esq. buried at Crostone the 27.  
 May. Gedeon Stansfeld of Heptonstall was buried the 9.  
 November. An unbapt. son and inf. of James Stansfeld of Heyhead in St. at Cro. 7.  
 December. Sara Stansfeld of Heptonstall was buried the 17.  
 1661 Julij. Infans Johis Stansfeld de Stansfeld sepult. fuit. 12.  
 1662-3 Marcij. Henricus Stansfeld de Wadsworth sepult. fuit. 2.  
 1663 Maij. Infans Johis Stansfeld de Shore sepult. fuit. 12.  
 Augusti. uxor Johis Stansfeld sen. de Shore sepult. fuit. 29.  
 Septembris. Johes Stansfeld senior de Shore sepultus fuit. 7.  
 Novembris. Jacobus Stansfeld de Stansfeld sepultus fuit. 9.  
 Decembris. Vidua Nicholai Stansfeld de Heptonstall sepulta fuit. 27.

- 1663-4 february. Jacobus Stansfeild de Shore sepultus fuit in agro suo  
ibm. 25.  
— Abrahamus Stansfeild de Stansfeild sepultus. fuit. 29.  
1665 Septembris. Joes Stansfeild de Stansfeild sepult apud Tod-  
merden. 28.  
1665-6 Januarij. Infans Johis Stansfeild de Shore sepult. fuit. 17.  
1667 May. vxor John Stansfield Shore. 20.  
1668 December. Infant James Stansfeild, Shore. 21.  
1668-9 January. Vid. Henry Stansfeild, Wad. 8.  
1669-70 February. Miles Stansfeild, Stansfeild. 8.  
1670 April. George Stansfeild, Shore. 9.  
1670-1 January. John Stansfeild, Shore. 28.  
1672 November. Edward Stansfeild, Stansfeild. 29.  
1673 March. Inf. of George Stansfeild and Isabell Crowther. 28.  
1673 August. Infant, James Stansfeild, Stansfeild. 10.  
September. John Stansfeild, Stansfeild. 10.  
1673-4 January. Martha Stansfeild, Stansfeild. 18.  
1674 April. uxor. James Stansfeild, Heptonstall. (12.)  
— Martha, James Stansfeild, Heptonstall. 14.  
August. John Pilling, Stansfeild. 3.  
1674-5 January. Debora Stansfeild, Stansfeild. 5.  
March. Joseph, James Stansfeild, Heptonstall. 9.  
1675 April. Abraham, John Stansfeild, Stansfeild. 3.  
1676 November. Sara Stansfeild, Wads. 4.  
1677 May. Susan Stansfeild, Stans. 11.  
1677-8 March. Prudence Stansfeild, Stansfeild. 12.  
1678-9 January. vx. James Stansfeild, Stansfeild. 22.  
1679-80 February. James Stansfeild, Heptonstall. 6.  
1680 October. vid. Stansfeild, Hept. 24.  
— Tho. Stansfeild, Stan. 30.  
1680-1 March. James Stansfeild, Stan. 5.  
1681 May. Inf. Abraham Stansfeild, Wad. 3.  
— Abraham Stansfeild, Wad. 27.  
November. John Stansfeild, Stan. 25.  
1682 April. Susan Stansfeild, Stan.—18.  
August. Abraham Stansfeild, Wad.—1.  
— Grace Stansfeild, Stan.—14.  
1684 August. James, James Stansfeild, Stan.—2.

End of burials in vol ij.

NOTE: Tho. Stansfield signs his name (last) as churchwarden in 1747; whether for Stansfield or Langfield townships, not mentioned.

#### BIRTHS.

- 1653 (erasure) sonne of James Stansfeild of Shore in Stansfeild borne  
the 18th of January.  
James, sonne of John Pillinge of Hillhouse in Stansfeild borne  
the 5th March.  
1654 Richard, son of James Stansfeld of Shore in Stansfeld born the  
30th of August.

- 1654-5 Sara, daughter of John Stansfeild of Shore in Stansfeild was born 28th february.
- 1655 Martha, daughter of Henry Stansfeild of Loynes in Wadsworth 28th July.  
(blank) son of James Stansfeild of Cowbanke in Hundersfeild borne 5th October.
- 1655-6 b. Will'm bastard son of Gilbt. Holden et Dorothy Stansfeld borne in Stansfeld 29th febr :
- 1656 Miles and Susan bastard twinnes of Miles Stansfeild and Mary ffairbank bo : in Sta : 19th Apr :  
Thomas, sonne of John Pilling of Stansfeild hall in Stansfeild born 5th July.  
(blank) son of James Stansfeild of Cowbanck in Hundersfeild born 5th August.  
Israell bastard son of James Stansfeild yonger and Grace Mitchell bo. in St.—October.  
Mary, daughter of James Stansfeild of Heyhead in Stansf: bor. 3 November.  
Jonas, son of John Stansfeild of Shore in Stansfeild born 22 Novemb.
- 1657 Mary, daughter of James Stansfeild of Cowbank in Hundersfeild bor : 7th of June.  
Susan, d. of John Stansfeild of Shore in Stansfeild born the — (November).
- 1657-8 Jonas, sonne of John Stansfeild of Shore in Stansfeild borne the — (March).
- 1658 Mary d. of Abraham Stansfeild of Eastwood in Stansfeild born the 8th August.  
(blank) sonne of James Stansfeild of Heyhead in Stansfeild born 6 November.
- 1659 Thomas, sonne of John Pilling of Stansfeld was borne the 22nd Septbr.
- 1660 Martha, d. of Abraham Stansfeild of Stansfeild —(Septbr.)  
Mary, d. of John Stansfeild of Shore in Stan.—(Septbr.)

## BAPTISMS.

- 1660 Octobris. — fil. Johis Stansfeild, 14.  
Decembris. Jacobus fil Jacobi Stansfeild de Stansfeild bapt : fuit. 30.
- 1661 Aprilis. Abrahamus fil Henrici Stansfeild de Wadsworth bapt. fuit. 21.  
Octobris. Abrahamus fil Johis Stanseild de (blank) bap. fuit. 28.
- 1661-2 februarij. Johes fil Jacobi Stansfeild de Hundersfeild bapt. fuit. 9.
- 1662 Julij. Maria, fil Johis Pilling de Stansfeild baptizata fuit. 27.  
Novembris. Elizabetha, fil Milonis Stansfeild de Stansfeild baptizata fuit. 16.
- 1663 Junij. Debora, fil Johis Stansfeild de Stansfeild baptizata fuit. 28.
- 1663 Julij. Johes fil. Jacobi Stansfeild de Stansfeild bapt. fuit. 5.
- 1664 Aprilis. Sara fil Jacobi Stansfeild de Stansfeild bapt. fuit. 3.  
Maij. Abrahamus fil Abrahami Stansfeild de Stansfeild bapt. fuit. 1.



- 1664 Julij. Willms Pillinge Johis fil baptizats fuit. 10.  
Septembris. Sara, fil Johis Stansfeild de Stansfeilde bapt. fuit. 11.  
Decembris. Johes fil Rici Stansfeild de Stansfeild bapt. fuit. 18.
- 1665 Octobris. Abrahamus fil Milonis Stansfeild de Stansfeild baptizat.  
fuit. 12.
- 1665-6 februarij. George filius Richi. Stansfeild de Stansfeild bapt.  
fuit. 11.
- Baptized.
- 1666 May. George, James Stansfeild, Stan : 8.  
July. John, John Stansfeild de Shore. 25.  
October. Sara, Abr. Stansfeild, Stansf. 14.
- 1667 July. Mary, Mr Jer. Hey. Minister Hept. 1.  
November. *no* : Mary, George Stansfeild and Marya Stansfeild, 7.  
— Mary, Rich : Stansfeild, St. 24.
- 1668-9 february. George, Abraham Stansfeild, St. 21.
- 1670 March. Thomas, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfeild, Sta. 27.  
May. b. Robt. James Stansfeild and Isabell Crowther 23.
- 1671 June. Martha, James Stansfeild, H : 11.  
September. Mercy, Abr : Stansfeild, Stansf. 10.
- 1672 April 14. Rich. Rich. Stansfeild, St.
- 1672-3 January 26. Joseph, James Stansfeild, Hep.
- 1673 June 22. Abraham, John Stansfeild, Shore.  
December 20. Martha, John Pillinge elder, Stansf :
- 1674 May 31. Abraham, Richard Stansfeild, Stan :  
July 21. Henry, Henry Bentley and Prudence Stansfeild.  
August 26. James, James Stansfeild, Stansf :
- 1676 March 28. N : John, Tho. Stansfeild and Joanna Horsfall.  
September 22. John, John Stansfeild, Stan.  
October 8. Martha, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfeild, Stan.
- 1677 May 28. Mary, Tho. Stansfeild, Stan.
- 1677-8 March 3. N. Joseph, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfeild, and Sara Stansfeild.
- 1678-9 January 22. Henry, James Stansfeild, Stan.  
— 25. Elizabeth, Tho. Stansfeild, Stan.  
february 3. Susan, John Stansfeild, Stan.  
— 10. Eliza, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfeild, Stan.
- 1680 March 28. Sara, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfeild, Stan.  
June 14. Susan, Richard Stansfeild, Stan.
- 1680-1 february 8. Judith, Tho. Stansfeild, Stan.
- 1681 May 1. John, James ffeilden and Grace Stansfeild, B.  
October 23. Prudence, John Stansfeild, Stans.  
December 25. James, James Stansfeild, Stan.
- 1681-2 March 5. Judith, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfeild, Stan.
- 1683 July 8. Mary, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfeild, Stan.  
— Thomas, Thomas Stansfeild, Stan.  
September 14. Prudence, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfeild, Stan.
- 1683-4 March 23. John, John Stansfeild, Stan.
- 1684 October 19. Mary, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfeld, Hept.
- 1684-5 March 8. Mary, John Stansfeild, Stan.
- 1685 October 11. John, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfeild, Stan.

End of baptisms in vol. ij.

## MARRIAGES.

The first marriages in the second volume of registers, are under the Commonwealth law, already referred to. The first certificate will be given in full, and will serve as a sample for the others.

“ William Sunderland, of Heptonstall, husbandman, and Martha Stansfeild, of the same, spinster, were the 9th of Oct., 1653, in the public meeting place, commonly called the parish church, of Heptonstall, the first tyme published to bee married.

The said William Sunderland and Martha Stansfeild were, the 16th of October, 1653, in the same place the second tyme, published to bee married.

The said William Sunderland and Martha Stansfeild were, the 23rd of October, 1653, in the same place, the third tyme published to bee married.

The said William Sunderland and Martha Stansfeild, the 17th of November, 1653, by joining hands, and pronouncing the words appointed by the Act, entitled ‘ An Act touching marriages and the registering thereof,’ testified their consent to marriage, and were therefore declared to be husband and wife by me.

HEN. TEMPEST.

In the presence of Miles Stansfeild and Jo. Sutcliffe yo<sup>rs</sup>.”

The publication of banns, if the parties to be married so desired it, was made in the market place next to the church or chapel, on three market days in three several weeks next following, between the hours of eleven and two. The marriages were always to be performed before some Justice of the Peace, the words to be pronounced according to the Act, and the ceremony necessary being :—

“ The man to be married, taking the woman to be married by the hand, shall plainly and distinctly pronounce these words :—

*I, AB, do here in the presence of God, the Searcher of all Hearts, take thee, CD, for my wedded wife ; and do also in the presence of God, and before these witnesses, promise to be unto thee a loving and faithful husband.*

And the woman, taking the man by the hand, shall plainly and distinctly pronounce these words :—

*I, CD, do here in the presence of God, the Searcher of all Hearts, take thee, AB, for my wedded husband ; and do also in the presence of God, and before these witnesses, promise to be unto thee a loving, faithful, and obedient wife.”*

James Radcliffe, of the Hawkecloughe in Sowerby, Clothier, and Sara Chrichley, daughter of Mr. James Chrichley, minister of the Gospel at Heptonstall, published 2nd, 9th and 16th Aprill, 1654, and married 26th Aprill, 1654, before

HEN. TEMPEST.

George Stansfeld of Stansfeld yeom : and Hester Thomas of Heptonstall late daught, of Jonas Thomas decēd published 17th and 24th September & 1st October, & married 10th October 1654, in the presence of Jonas Thom̄s & John Pilling before

WILL: FFARRER.

Miles Stansfeild and Henry Pollard witnessed the marriage of John Collinge of the Shore in Stansfeild, clothier, and Mary firost of the same, widdowe, on the 12th October 1654 before

WILL: FFARRER.

Thomas Stansfeld of Adamroyd in Stansfeld, and Mary Wadsworth of Langfield, daughter of Richard Wadsworth, husbandman, published 24th and 31st December 1654, and 7th January and married the 8th January 1654-5 before

WILL: FFARRER.

Miles Stansfeild of Shore in Stansfeild yeom: and Mary ffairbank of the same late daughter of Daniell ffairbank Decēd, published 17th and 24th June, and 1st July 1655 and married (blank)

This marriage was evidently not performed.

James Stansfeild of Stansfeild Heyhead in Stansfeild, yeom: and Mary Sutcliffe of Ashes in Stansfeild abovesaid, Daughter of Richard Sutcliffe, published 21st and 28th October, and 4th November, and married 6th November 1655, in the presence of Mary Midgley and Richard Sutcliffe before

WILL: FFARRER.

Charles Radcliffe gent<sup>le</sup> and Edm. Rigge (parish registrar) witnessed all the marriages (seven) on the 28th April 1656, before

WILL: FFARRER.

Thomas Cockroft of Sowterhouse in Wadsworth, Clerke, and Mary Riley of fiallandroyd in Wadsworth, published 8th 15th and 22nd June, and married 26th June 1656 in the presence of Mr. Paule Greenwood and Thomas Cockroft before

(not signed)

John Crossley of Shore in Stansfeild, husbandman and Prudence Stansfeld of y<sup>e</sup> same Daughter of Edmd. Stansfeild, published 29th March, 5th and 12th Aprill, and married 27th Aprill 1657 in the presence of Gregory Mitchell and Willm Rawson before

(not signed)

Thomas Stansfeild and Sarah Smetherd both of Stansfeild published 18th and 25th September and 2nd October 1659.

(No entry as to marriage.)



- 1680 October 24. Vidua Stansfeild, Hept:  
 — 30. Tho: Stansfeild, Stan:  
 1680-1 March 5. James Stansfeild, Stan:  
 1681 May 3. Inft: Abra: Stansfeild. Wad:  
 — 27. Abra: Stansfeild, Wad:  
 November 25. John Stansfeild, Stan:  
 1682 Aprill 18. Susan Stansfeild, Stan:  
 August 1. Abraham Stansfeild, Wad:  
 — 14. Grace Stansfeild, Stan:

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### VOLUME III.

The third volume of registers is of parchment, and size and shape generally called a large quarto, the leaf measuring  $13\frac{1}{2}$  by  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches. It contains 116 numbered pages, and also a few fly leaves of paper. Those at the commencement contain an inventory of church plate and goods, and also receipts for them, by incoming churchwardens. Also an entry, that in the night between the 15th and 16th December, 1765, the vestry was broken into, and the communion plate was stolen, &c. There is also pinned to the second fly-leaf, the following curious document:—

“Heptonstall Bill Assessed y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> day of September 1698 for Births, Marriages and Burialls and for Batchlors and Widdowers since y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of March last.”

The births are charged 2s. each, the marriages 2s. 6d., burials 4s., and bachelors and widowers 6d. The only “widdow” is Mr. Daniell Towne, and the total assessment amounts to £2 19s. 6d. It is signed by John Bentley, collector, and confirmed by John Stanhope and Walter Calverley, and ordered to be paid at Mr. Dolliffe’s in Hall<sup>s</sup>: 17 December, 1698.

The following are the contents of the parchment pages:—

Pages 1-36. Burials from 3rd March 1687-8 to 23rd March 1725-6.

Page 37 contains the following curious entry, or list of clergy,

Mr. Edmund Thornley, Cur<sup>t</sup> Littlebrough.  
 Mr. Abram Sharp Cur<sup>t</sup> White Chappel i<sup>t</sup> th’ north.  
 Mr. Shepherd Mendicant Priest.  
 Mr. Joseph Sutcliffe Cur<sup>t</sup> Todmerden.  
 Mr. Mic<sup>l</sup> Godly Curat of Crostone.

Between pages 40 to 46 the ordinary leaves are either missing or have been cut down to half breadth, and the space is occupied by five parchment leaves of smaller breadth, which have been lettered in pencil A to G. They contain baptisms from 1st September 1724 to the 24th March 1725-6.

Pages 47-90 contain baptisms from 25th March 1688 to 10th November 1723.

Pages 91-113 contain marriages from 28th March 1688 to 22nd February 1725-6.

Page 114 contains Heptonstall terrier, not dated, signed by Thos. Greenwood, Cur<sup>t</sup> and three churchwardens.

Page 115 is blank, and page 116 contains lists of briefs collected, and a curious entry about a child being born without arms.

## BURIALS.

- 1688-9 February 29. George Stansfeld, Stan:  
 1689 June 27. ux: Rich: Stansfeld, Stan:  
 1689-90 March 8. ux: Tho: Stansfeld, Stan:  
 1690 May 1. Mr. Rich: Robinson Curat de Crostone.  
 September 12. ux: Mr. Jam: Stansfeld, Stan:  
 November 24. ux: John Stansfeld, Stan:  
 1691 May 18. vid: Ab: Stansfeld, Wad:  
 July 29. Mr. Jam: Stansfeld, Stan:  
 1692 November 2. *Stansfeld* becomes *Stansfield* for the first time.  
 December 20. Infant John Dewhirst and Marth: Stansfield.  
 1693 September 22. Ab: Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Stan:  
 1693-4 January 12. Jn<sup>o</sup> Smalley a wanderer.  
 February 14. Tho<sup>r</sup>, Rich: Stansfield, Stan:  
 1694 April 18. ux: Mr. Robinson, Stan:  
 May 31. George, Ab: Stansfield, Stan:  
 1694-5 February 16. (no name) Rich: Stansfield, Stan:  
 — 21. At Crostone. Simond Stansfield, Stan:  
 1695 April 8. Jn<sup>o</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Stan:  
 — 13. ux: Mr. Sunderland, curat: de Luddin(den).  
 July 13. ux: Ab: Stansfield, Stan:  
 1695-6 February 25. Infant, Jam: Stansfield, Stan:  
 March 18. Martha Stansfield, Stan:  
 1696 July 27. Sarah Sutcliffe, Wad: a town prentice, and died before loose.  
 1697 June 29. Infant, Jam: Stansfield, Stan:  
 1699 July 31. Grace Siansfield, Hep:  
 December 12. Jn<sup>o</sup> Grimeshaw, p<sup>'</sup>ish Clerk.  
 1699-1700 February 12. Mary, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfield, Stan:  
 memorandum: y<sup>t</sup> George Bannister on y<sup>e</sup> 7 die of January 1699  
 (1700) Entred to bee y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>'</sup>ish Clericus for Heptonstall Church.  
 1700 April 9. Grace, James Stansfield, Stan:  
 1700-1 February 20. Ab:, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Stan:  
 1702 May 15. Grace Stansfield, Stansfield.  
 July 20. James Stansfield, Stansfield.

- 1702 September 2. Inft: George Stansfield, Stans:  
December 1. Inft: John Stansfield, Stans:
- 1703 July 24. Mary, Abraham Stansfield, Stan:  
October 20. Inft: George Stansfield, Stans:
- 1703-4 March 23. Susannah, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Stans:  
— 25. Rich<sup>d</sup>. George Stansfield, Stans:
- 1705 August 13. Abraham Stansfield, Erring:
- 1705-6 March 24. A child of Joshua Stansfield, Stans:
- 1706 August 30. A wandring Beggar y<sup>t</sup> died in Wad:  
mem. y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> dutye of Birth Buriall &c. was not paid since y<sup>e</sup>  
1 day of August 1706.  
November 5. *Nothus*. Inft: Abraham Stansfield and Sarah  
Earnshaw, Stans: (base.)
- 1707 August 14. Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfield, Stans:  
October 30. Wid: Stansfield, Stansfield.  
November 15. Mercy, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfield, Stans:
- 1707-8 February 7. James Stansfield, Stans:
- 1708 May 3. ux. John Stansfield, Stansfield.
- 1708-9 March 11. Inft: John Stansfield, Stansfield.
- 1709 July 28. ux: George Stansfield, Stans:  
— 29. ux. Will<sup>m</sup> Sutcliffe, Stansfield hall.  
August 24. Mary, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Stans:  
— 28. Abraham, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Erring:
- 1709-10 January 22. Thomas Stansfield, Stans:  
— 26. Wid: Stansfield, Stans:
- 1710 July 18. Mr. Clarkson, officer of y<sup>e</sup> excise, Hep:
- 1711 October 12. Will<sup>m</sup> Sutcliffe in Stansfield, Buried att Croston.
- 1711-12 January 19. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Eringden.
- 1712 May 8. Mr. Daniell Towne, Curate of Heptonstall.  
August 6. Martha, Jno. Stansfield, Stan:
- 1713 August 22. ux: Edmund Barker, Stansfield.  
September 23. Mary, daught<sup>r</sup>. George Stansfield, Stan:
- 1715 Aprill 21. ux: Mr. Metham, Curate, Croston.  
June 16. uxor Thomas Stansfield, Stans:  
October 11. John Stansfield, Eringden.
- 1716 June 2. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Sutcliffe, Stansfield, lived att Ashes.  
December 26. Luke, son of Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Stans:
- 1717 March 28. ux: Will<sup>m</sup>. Sutcliffe, Stansfield hall.  
May 13. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Stans:  
November 9. Jn<sup>o</sup>. son Ab: Stansfield, Cliviger.  
December 24. George Stansfield, Stans:
- 1718 Aprill 10. Wid. Stansfield, Stans:  
— 13. Eliz: dau<sup>tr</sup>. George Stansfield, Stans:
- 1718-9 February 26. David Stansfield, Stansfield.
- 1719 June 13. Abraham Stansfield, Stan:  
July 14. A child Tho: Stansfield, Wad.  
August 12. Milla y<sup>e</sup> wife michkall wone travelar.
- 1720 August 20. Child Tho: Stansfield, Wad:  
September 19. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Robert Stansfield.  
November 17. Widow Stansfield, Stan:
- 1720-1 March 3. Richard Stansfield, Stansfield.

- 1721-2 January 1. Wid: Stansfield, Stan: Spin. (? a Spinner).  
 1722 July 23. Child Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Stan:  
 December 27. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Will: Sutcliffe, Stan: Gent:  
 1723 July 6. Child, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Stan:  
 1724 April 1. Abraham Stansfield, Stan: Hos: (Householder)  
 — 16. Martha Stansfield, Wad:

## BAPTISMS.

## An interpolation.

Grace, David Brigge, of Wads: was Baptised at Burnley, y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>  
 of October, 1687.

- 1688 July 15. An: Hen: Rob: gem: Hugh Spencer de Wadsworth.

This is an early instance of three children at one birth. It proved fatal for the mother, for the register of burials, although there is no entry relating to the children up to 1690, records:—

- 1688 July 17. Uxor, Hugh Spencer, Wad:

The wives in Heptonstall parish seem to have been remarkably prolific at this time. Several times when the baptism of two children of the same family has occurred, the curate or the clerk has thought it necessary to add *not twins*. And the following three entries (out of a total of six) occur in the month of October, 1688.

7. Paull and Prissilla, gem: John Ormroyd, Stansfield.  
 18. Hen: and Anna, gem: Robert Sutcliffe, Langfield.  
 28. John and Mary, gem: Henry Helliwell, Eringden.  
 1688-9 february 3. Jam: John Stansfield, Stan:  
 1689 May 19. Mary, John Stansfield, Stan:  
 October 22. Seraphin, John Hodgdon and — Eastwood, B.  
 1690 November 24. Miles, John Stansfield, Stan:  
 1691 June 14. John, George Stansfield, Stan:  
 July 12. Tho: John Stansfield, Stan:  
 1693 October 8. Jonath: Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Stan:  
 1694 September 13. David, George Stansfield, Stan:  
 December 16. Gibt:, Rich: Stansfield and wid: Stansfield,  
 Bas:  
 1695 December 25. Susan, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, St:  
 1695-6 March 1. Mary, Rich: Stansfield, Stan:  
 1696-7 January 3. Edmd: Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Stan:  
 — 17. Mary, George Stansfield, Stan:  
 — 18. Mary, George Stansfield, Stan:  
 (Query, if this be not a double entry?)  
 March 14. Mary, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Eri:  
 1697-8 January 2. Wm:, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Stan:  
 — 17. Mary, Geo: Stansfield, Stan:



- 1698 April 16. Geo: Geo: Stansfield, Stan:  
October 23. Jam: Robt: Stansfield, Stan:
- 1699 June 11. Rich: George Stansfield, Stan:  
August 24. Ab: Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Stan:
- 1700 August 24. Geo:, Abr<sup>m</sup>: Stansfield, Stan:  
— Mary, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Stan:  
December 15. Jn<sup>o</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup>: Stansfield, Ering:  
— 22. Susan, Rob: Stansfield, Hep:
- 1701 April 6. Mary, George Stansfield, Stan:  
December 28. Jonas, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Stan:
- 1702 November 26. Mary, Robert Stansfield, Heptons:  
December 8. Mary, Abraham Stansfield and Mary Clegg,  
Stansfield, bas:
- 1703 September 26. James, Joshua Stansfield, Stan:
- 1703-4 February 27. Sarah, John Stansfield, Stans:
- 1704-5 January 21. Ab: John Stansfield, Stansfield.
- 1705 March 25. Joseph, Rob: Stansfield, Hep:  
July 22. Mary, Joshua Stansfield, Stan:  
November 4. base. Ab:, Ab: Stansfield and Ephan Crabtree,  
Stan:
- 1706 March 31. John, John Stansfield, Stans:  
November 5. Mary, Ab: Stansfield, Stans:
- 1707 June 19. Joshua, Joshua Stansfield, Stans:  
November 9. Robert, Robert Stansfield, Hep:
- 1707-8 February 22. Martha, John Stansfield, Stans:
- 1708 April 25. Miriam, George Stansfield, Stans:  
May 9. Sarah, George Stansfield, Hep:  
July 11. Ab:, Ab: Stansfield, Stans:
- 1709 July 17. Jn<sup>o</sup>: Joshua Stansfield, Midgley.  
— 28. Mercy, Abraham Stansfield, Wad:
- 1709-10 February 13. Jn<sup>o</sup>: Robert Stansfield, Hep:
- 1710 December 10. Eliz: , John Stansfield, Eringden.
- 1710-1 February 18. Martha, George Stansfield, Stans:
- 1711 June 24. Sarah, Ab: Stansfield, Stans:
- 1712 July 5. Charles, Jonas Stansfield, Stan:  
— 15. Paull, John Stansfield, Stan:  
— 27. George, Rich<sup>d</sup>: Stansfield, Stan:  
September 15. Ab:, Ab: Stansfield, Wads:
- 1713 May 24. Martha, daught<sup>r</sup>: of George Stansfield, Stans:  
July 15. Martha and Mary, twins of James Stansfield, Eringden.
- 1714 July 4. Will<sup>m</sup>: son Jn<sup>o</sup>: Stansfield, Stans:  
August 8. Mercy, dau<sup>tr</sup>: Ab: Stansfield, Stans:
- 1714-5 January 23. Susanah, dau<sup>tr</sup>: Jonas Stansfield, Stans:  
February 20. Sarah, daug<sup>tr</sup>: Will<sup>m</sup>: Sutcliffe, Stansfield hall.
- 1715 November 27. Jn<sup>o</sup>: son Rich<sup>d</sup>: Stansfield, Stans:  
December 11. Betty, dau<sup>tr</sup>: Tho: Stansfield, Ering:  
— 29. Rich<sup>d</sup>: son Abraham Stansfield, Wad:
- 1715-6 February 5. Jon: son James Stansfield, Ering:
- 1716 July 27. Eliz: dau<sup>tr</sup>: Jn<sup>o</sup>: Stansfield, Ering:  
October 14. Luke, son Jn<sup>o</sup>: Stansfield, Stans:
- 1716-7 March 24. Jn<sup>o</sup>: son Thomas Stansfield, Ering:

- 1717 July 28. Jn<sup>o</sup>: son Abraham Stansfield, Stans:  
 1718 May 22. Rob<sup>t</sup>: son of James Stansfield, Stans:  
 July 8. Mary, dau<sup>tr</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Stansfield, Stans:  
 1718-9 January 31. Elizabeth, dau<sup>tr</sup>. James Stansfield, Ering:  
 1719 Aprill 12. Mary, dau<sup>tr</sup>. Thomas Stansfield, Wad:  
 June 2. Mary, Tho: Stansfield, Stans:  
 1719-20 January 17. Bas: Jn<sup>o</sup>: John Stansfield, Lang: and Judith  
 Greenwood, Hep:  
 1720 June 19. Mary, Tho: Stansfield, Wad:  
 October 14. Eliss: Jona: Stansfield, Stan:  
 November 24. Ab: Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Stan:  
 1720-1 January 22. Sarah, James Stansfield, Stan:  
 1721 September 17. Sarah, Tho: Stansfield, Wd:  
 December 24. Eli, Jonathan Stansfield, Err:  
 1721-2 March 6. Sarah, Abr<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield, Stan:  
 — 18 Grace, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Hep: Poor.

Pages 86, 87, 88, and 89 are missing, but there is a note at the bottom of page 85, and the record is unbroken :—

“Turn to this mark \* page 90.”

- 1722 June 29. Martha, John Stansfield, Stan:  
 October 6. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Jonathan Stansfield, Err: H(ouseholder).  
 1723-4 January 26. Mary, Abraham Stansfield, Stan:  
 1724 October 3. Ann, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Stan:  
 1724-5 February 1. Martha, W<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield, Hep:  
 1725 Aprill 22. Eli, James Stansfield, Err:

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#### MARRIAGES.

- 1688 May 17. Nathaniell Taylor, Martha Stansfield.  
 1691 May 10. George Stansfeild, Sarah Horsfall.  
 1692-3 January 12. Ab: Stansfeild, and Eliz: Clegge.  
 1693 June 14. Tho: Stansfield and Judith Dixon.  
 August 25. Jam: Charnock and Mary Stansfield.  
 1695 May 20. Jam: Stansfield and Suzan Helliwell.  
 November 19. Rich: Stansfield and Martha Crosley.  
 1695-6 February 2. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield and Sarah Chapman.  
 — 9. Robt: Stansfield, Martha Shackleton.  
 1700 May 5. Josshuah Fielden, Susan Stansfield.  
 1701-2 February 10. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield and Susan Ashworth, Stan:  
 1702 November 24. Joshua Stansfield, Judith Townend, Stans:  
 1704 November 9. Job Sutcliffe, Susan Stansfield, Stans:  
 1705 November 8. Ab: Stansfield, Sarah Greenwood, Stans:  
 — Jn<sup>o</sup>. Pilling, Eliz: Barker, Stans:  
 1705-6 February 4. Jam: Radcliffe, Susan Stansfield, Todmorden.  
 March 25. Willm: Sutcliffe, Eliz: Stansfield, Stans:  
 1706 November 7. Ab: Sunderland, Mary Stansfield, Stans:  
 1706-7 February 13. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Sutcliffe, Martha Pilling, Stan:  
 1707 June 29. Ab: Stansfield, Sarah Clegg, Stans:

- 1709 July 1. Jonas Stansfield, Naomi Pilling, Stans:  
 1710 May 30. James Stansfield, Judith Midgeley, Ering:  
 June 15. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Horsfall, Martha Pilling, Stansfield.  
 July 16. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Mortimer, Luce Kegill, Hallifax.  
 December 10. Tho: Chamberlain, Mary Phillips, Northowram.  
 1711 September 18. Jonas Stansfield, Sarah Dawson, Stans:  
 November 1. Geo: Stansfield, Mary Readman, Wad:  
 1712 May 22. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Mary Ormroyd, Stans:  
 1713 April 6. Jona: Stansfield, Mary Whittaker, Stans:  
 1713-4 January 28. Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Martha Stansfield, Todmorden.  
 february 8. Tho: Stansfield, Mary Greenwood, Stans:  
 1714-5 february 24. Tho: Stansfield, Eliz: Thomas, Ering:  
 1715-6 february 14. Willm: Barker, Mary Stansfield, Stans:  
 Nathan Crosley, Susan Stansfield, Ering:  
 1717 November 5. Tho: Stansfield, Grace Ashworth, Stans:  
 1718 September 4. James Stansfield, Martha Farnell, Ering:  
 1721 June 20. Jonathan Stansfield and Mary Briggs, Wad: and  
 Err: Certified by Mr. Burton.  
 1722 March 27. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Horsfall and Mary Stansfield, Err:  
 1722-3 February 26. Charles Dickinson, Rosiendall and Eliz: Brercliff.  
 Wad: certified by J. Place, Curate at Haslinden.  
 1724 April 7. Wm. Stansfield, Wb: and Judith Sutcliffe, both Hep:  
 — 9. Wm. Kendal, Wb: and Sarah Stansfield, Sp: both Stan:  
 1725 September 13. Thomas Kitson, Southourom and Mary Stansfield,  
 Hallifax, Certified by Mr. Burton, V(icar) H(alifax).  
 November 18. Abra<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield, Cord<sup>r</sup> and Eliza Clegg, Sp:  
 Stan:

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 TERRIER BOOK.

The Terrier book of Heptonstall church, is a very valuable register of matters connected with the church; and vicars of other churches, would do well to imitate the example, there set before them. And besides its valuable contents, it contains the great test of a book, a good index. Some extracts will be found elsewhere, of persons buried in woollen. At page 26, commences an account of the allotments of seats, made by the churchwardens 2nd April 1635, after they were made uniform.

“Item, y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> one to Hugh Pilling of y<sup>e</sup> Hillhouse in Stansfield and he paid to y<sup>e</sup> Churchwardens for those 2 seats and for paving under foot and for Registering 5s. od.

M<sup>d</sup> y<sup>t</sup> George Halstead of Mythom in Stansfield was placed by y<sup>e</sup> Churchwardens in one forme or stall next above y<sup>e</sup> Clerk Table standing between y<sup>e</sup> Clerk<sup>s</sup> Table and one forme belonging to John Greenwood and Will<sup>m</sup> Greenwood And he paid for y<sup>e</sup> said Stall and for Registering 8s. od.

7. Stall belonging to George Halstead cost making uniform 8s. od. 3 seats.
8. Item one stall next below belonging to Ab: Stansfield cost 9s. od. 3 seats.

That Rank of formes on y<sup>e</sup> north side of y<sup>e</sup> quier as followeth.

1. One pew belonging to Mr. Stansfield not made uniforme containing 14 seats.
2. One stall in y<sup>e</sup> north side of y<sup>e</sup> Quier, belonging to Mr. Stansfield not made uniform, 6 seats.
3. One pew belonging to John Greenwood of Hall, 7 seats.
4. Joseph Sutcliffe, 3 seats.
5. One pew belonging to Mr. Greenwood not made uniforme, 5 seats.
6. Will<sup>m</sup> Sutcliffe, 6 seats.
7. George Halstead, Rich: Lord, 6 seats.
8. John Murgateroyd, 6 seats.
9. Luke Horsfall, 6 seats.
10. Edmund Barker, 6 seats.
11. Rich: Thomas, Ab: Naylor, 6 seats.

These six last stalls cost 12s a piece making uniforme besides 2 pews cost £1. 8s. And other 2 pews and one stall not medled with would a cost £3. sum is £5 besides ye £3.

That Rank of Stalls before y<sup>e</sup> Pullpit as follows.

2. John ffilden, Will<sup>m</sup> Cockcroft, Joshua ffilden, John Stansfield, Jam: Stansfield, Amb: Kendall and John Crosley, 8 seats. Ab: Naylor in y<sup>e</sup> end, 2 seats.
7. George Stansfield &c. &c. 8 seats.
8. Hugh Pilling in y<sup>e</sup> end, 2 seats.

Pages 45-52 contain a copy of the will of Richard Naylor of Burndacres in Erringden, dated 29th May 1609.

" . . . ITEM, I give and bequeath unto George Halstead my Landlord fourteene pounds. ITEM, I give and bequeath unto Agnes his wife six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence. . . . ITEM, I give and bequeath unto Robert Halstead son of y<sup>e</sup> said George Halstead ten pounds, And unto Hester his wife twenty shillings. . . . ITEM, I give and bequeath unto Thomas Naylor yonger son of Richard Naylor of Crounstall, all y<sup>e</sup> said Messuage and dwelling house called Mutterhoyle, &c., &c. . . . ITEM, I give and bequeath to every one of y<sup>e</sup> Children of Miles Stansfield my tenant, twelve pence a peece."

Pages 59-66 are occupied with extracts from the will of the Rev. Charles Greenwood, rector of Thornhill, and lord of the manor of Heptonstall, dated 14th July 1642, founding two fellowships and two scholarships in University College, Oxford, and a grammar school at Heptonstall.

Pages 93-104 contain the Terrier delivered 11th May 1764.

On page 129 is an agreement of sale of a pew by John Sutcliffe of Stansfield Hall, Gentleman, to John Greenwood, shopkeeper of Heptonstall, dated 23rd August, 1803.

Pages 130-141 contain another Terrier dated 23rd June 1809. Abraham Stansfield signs as churchwarden an account of the augmentation of the living in 1812.

Page 171 contains a list of curates of Heptonstall, but a more complete list is given on pp. 201-2.

Pages 206-235 contain the account, with lists of benefactors, of the building of the new church in 1850-4. The total of donations, &c., amounts to £6960.

END OF TERRIER BOOK.

#### VOLUME IV.

The fourth volume is a large handsomely bound book of parchment, in quarto shape 15 by 12½ inches. The baptisms commence 20th March, 1726, and end 31st December, 1786. The marriages commence 12th April, 1726, and end 21st March, 1754. The burials commence 26th March, 1726 and end 31st December, 1786. The volume is not paged, but the thickness, two inches, will give some idea of its contents.

#### MARRIAGES.

- 1726 November 27. Edmund Wadsworth, Web. (webster-weaver) and Martha Stansfield, Sp: Hep:  
 1728 November 15. Robert Feber, Hep: Web: and Prudence Stansfield, Sp: Err:  
 1730 March 30. John Stansfield, Err: Web: and Susanna Mitchell, Wad: Sp:  
 1733 June 5. Joseph Stansfield, Web: and Eliz: Cockroft, Sp: Hep: July 8. Robert Wade, Web: and Martha Stansfield, Sp: Err:  
 1736-7 February 1. Thos: Walton, Web: Stan: and Mercy Stansfield, Dit: Sp:  
 1737 May 30. Paul Stansfield, Stans: Web: and Betty Suison, Stan:  
 1738 April 20. Charles Stansfield, Stans: Yeoman and Mary Foster, Clividsheer in the parish of Burnley, Licence from Mr. Gunby Curat of Sowerby.  
 1739-40 February 18. John Stansfield, Stan: Web: and Betty Sutcliffe, Lang:  
 1740 November 30. William Stansfield, St: Web: and Ann Bentley, same, Sp:  
 1741-2 January 26. Abraham Speak, Stans: Web: and Grace Stansfield, same, Sp:

- 1743 May 23. John Barker, Stans: Web: and Mary Stansfield, same, Sp:
- 1744 May. On ye seventh of this month the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Sutcliffe was licens'd to this Chapel upon y<sup>e</sup> Resignation of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Greenwood.
- 1747 November 30. Thomas Stansfield, Wad: and Grace Kidson, same, Sp:
- 1750 April 17. Joseph Stansfield, Hept<sup>l</sup> Webster, and Ennile (? Emily) Clayton, D<sup>e</sup> Spin<sup>r</sup>.
- 1754 February 26. Samuel Stot and Ann Stansfield, St:  
March 21. William Stansfield, Hep: Web: and Salley Thornton, Er: Sp: by Certificate from Mr. Watson, Curate of Halifax.

This is the Rev. John Watson, M.A., F.S.A., author of the *History of Halifax*, and the *Earls of Warren and Surrey*. The certificate mentioned, would simply be that of the publication of banns, which is still such a remarkable incident, every Sunday morning, in Halifax parish church. This entry is the last amongst the marriages in volume iv.

## BAPTISMS.

- 1726 May 17. Geo<sup>r</sup>; Abra<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Stan:  
October 6. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Abraham Stansfield, Stan:
- 1727 August 4. John, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Stan:
- 1728 June 2. John, Rose Crabtree and Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Err: Base.
- 1729-30 January —. William, W<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield, Wad:  
February —. (illegible), Jonas Stansfield, Stan:  
March 22. Prudence, Ab<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield, Stan:
- 1731 September 12. James, Jonas Stansfield, Stan:
- 1731-2 February 27. Mary, Wm. Stansfield, Wad:  
March 12. Mary, Sarah Stansfield and Mic<sup>l</sup> Utley, Stan: Base.
- 1732 December 3. Joseph, Abra: Stansfield, Stan:
- 1733 July 16. Mary, Jonas Stansfield, Stan:  
November 5. Christopher, Sarah Mitton Hep: and John Wadsworth, Hep: Base. Runagate.
- 1734 August 15. Tho<sup>s</sup> Lord, aged 34.  
November 7. Sara, Abr<sup>m</sup>. Hollingrake, Stan: aged about 20 Y<sup>rs</sup>. and married y<sup>e</sup> same day.  
— 12. Ann Robertshaw, Aged above 22 Y<sup>rs</sup>. and Married the same day.
- 1735 August 24. James, John Stansfield, Stan:  
October 19. Samuel and Sarah, Jonas Stansfield, St:
- 1735-6 January 25. Luke, Abraham Stansfield, St:
- 1736 May 10. Mary, Joseph Stansfield, Hep:  
November 28. Robert, William Stansfield, St:
- 1737 June 12. John, George Stansfield, Stans:  
August 24. Ann, George Stansfield, Hepton:  
October 9. John, Paul Stansfield, Stans:

- 1737 October 16. Bettey, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Wad:  
 1738 September 3. Sarah, Abraham Stansfield, Stan:  
 1738-9 February 11. George, George Stansfield, St:  
 1739 November 18. Susan, Joseph Stansfield, Hep:  
 1739-40 March 22. Sarah, Charles Stansfield, Stan:  
 1740 — 30. Martha, Joseph Stansfield, Hep:  
     April 27. Judith, John Stansfield, Stan.  
     May 25. Elizabeth, George Stansfield, St:  
     July 20. Susan, George Stansfield, Stans:  
 1741 May 12. John, Jonathan Stansfield, Er:  
 1742 September 26. Elizabeth, George Stansfield, St:  
     December 5. Susan, Joseph Stansfield, Hep:  
 1742-3 February 20. James, Jonathan Stansfield, Erin:  
 1743 May 7. Abraham, Abraham Stansfield, St:  
     December 18. Mary, Abraham Stansfield, Stan.  
 1744 May 27. Betty, John Stansfield, Stans:  
     June 17. Jonas, George Stansfield, St:  
     August 12. James, John Stansfield, Wads:  
     December 16. Martha, John Stansfield, Stans:  
 1744-5 February 21. William, Jonathan Stansfield, Err:  
     — 24. John, Joseph Stansfield, Hep:  
 1745 May 19. Sarah, George Stansfield, St:  
     June 2. Ely, John Stansfield, Er:  
     October 14. (illegible) Charles Stansfield, St:  
     [The Crostone register, however, supplies the name.]  
     October 16. John, of Charles Stansfield of Stansfield.  
 1745 December 1. John, Susan Crosley and y<sup>e</sup> Reputed Father, John  
     Stansfield both of St:  
 1745-6 March 23. Mary, George Stansfield, St:  
 1746 June 25. Betty, Ely Stansfield, Er:  
     July 27. Thomas, Martha Barker, and Reputed Father John  
     Stansfield Both of Stansfield.  
     October 12 (?). Mary, Joseph Stansfield, St:  
 1746-7 February 8. Mary, Jonathan Stansfield, Er:  
     March 8. Mary, George Stansfield, St:  
     — 22. Mary, John Stansfield, Wad:  
 1747 July 12. Sarah, Abraham Stansfield, Wad:  
     October 11. Sarah, John Stansfield, Hep:  
     November 22. Mary, John Stansfield, St:  
 1747-8 February 21. John, John Stansfield, St:  
 1748 April 10. James, James Stansfield, St:  
     June 12. Susan, John Stansfield, Hep:  
     July 25. Thomas, George Stansfield, St:  
     September 11. Salley, William Stansfield.  
     — 18. Richard, Thomas Stansfield, Wad:  
 1748-9 January 8. James, Ely Stansfield, Er:  
 1749 March 28. Jonathan, Jonathan Stansfield, Er:  
     — Abra'm, George Stansfield, St:  
     — Sara, John Stansfield, St:  
     May 28. Richard S. Thomas Stansfield, Stansfield, Webster.

- 1749 October 15. Simeon S. James Stansfield, Stansf<sup>d</sup>. Webster.  
 1749-50 February 4. Robert S. Joseph Stansfield, Hept<sup>l</sup>. Webster.  
 1750 March 25. Abraham S. Abraham Stansfield, Stansf<sup>d</sup>. Webster.  
 April 22. Grace Barker D. Martha Barker, Stansf<sup>d</sup>. Spin<sup>r</sup>. and John  
 Stansfield. Stansfield. Webster.  
 December 2. Hannah D. Thos. Stansfield, Langfield.  
 1750-1 January 6. Charles S. John Stansfield, Wads: Webs<sup>r</sup>.  
 — 19. Thomas S. James Stansfield, Stansfield.  
 — 27. Susannah D. John Stansfield of Stansfield.  
 February 3. John S. Eli Stansfield, Erringden, Webs<sup>r</sup>.  
 1751 December 8. Sarah D. Jonathan Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 1752 February 2. Ellis S. John Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 — 7. Stansfield (illegible).  
 March 22. Betty D. Thomas Stansfield, St: Web:  
 April 19. Susan D. Paul Stansfield, St: Web:  
 May 7. John S. John Stansfield, Wads: Comber.  
 — 17. William S. Joseph Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 August 3. Mary D. Abraham Stansfield, St: Web:  
 October 5. Susey D. John Stansfield, Hep: carrier.  
 — 4. Richard S. George Stansfield, St: Web:  
 November 12. Susannah D. James Stansfield, St: Web:  
 1753 August 12. Sarah D. Eli Stansfield, Er: Web:  
 October 4. Christopher S. Thomas Pawson, Hep: School  
 Master.  
 1754 May 12. Thos. S. Thos. Stansfield, St: Web:  
 June 20. James S. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Stans:  
 October 13. Ric<sup>d</sup>. S. James Stansfield, St:  
 November 3. Betty D. Jonathan Stansfield, E: Web:  
 — Betty D. Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Law, Stansfield.  
 1755 June 29. Betty D. Joseph Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 August 24. William S. W<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 1756 January 12. Mary D. W<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield, St:  
 March 9. James S. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, St:  
 September 19. Betty D. Betty Stansfield, Err: Base.  
 1757 February 21. Mary D. Geor: Stansfield, Stans:  
 May 30. Charles S. Jam<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, St:  
 1758 February 17. Jn<sup>o</sup>. S. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Wad: Tradesman.  
 1759 May 13. Jn<sup>o</sup>. S. W<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield, Stans:  
 August 12. Betty D. George Stansfield, Stans:  
 December 31. Ann D. Jo: Stansfield, St: Web:  
 1760 April 3. George S. Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, St:  
 — 8. Jam<sup>s</sup>. S. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, St:  
 — 18. Abram S. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Wad: Tradesman.  
 June 8. Betty D. James Stansfield, St:  
 1761 January 25. Jn<sup>o</sup>. S. Ab<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 August 23. Jn<sup>o</sup>. S. W<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 1762 February 21. W<sup>m</sup>. S. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Web:  
 — 28. Jn<sup>o</sup>. S. Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, St:  
 March 28. James S. Abraham Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 June 27. Ann D. George Stansfield, St:  
 1763 February 26. Sarah D. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, St:



- 1763 March 27. Ruben Bever S. Vashti Bever, Wad: Reputed Father  
 Ri<sup>d</sup>. Wadsworth, Wad:  
 May 8. Base. Sara Stansfield D. Mary Stans<sup>d</sup>. Erring<sup>d</sup>. Base.  
 Reputed Father Tho<sup>s</sup>. Greenwood, woolcomber.  
 August 21. Jephtha S. Aaron Mozer, Wad:

NOTE.—This was by no means an uncommon name in Wadsworth, and on the 22nd March, 1761, the name occurs in a baptism as Thos., son of Aaron Moses, Wad: Taylor. As an instance of how names and trades survive in the same family, it is not twelve months ago, since the death of Aaron Moses, tailor, was recorded in the neighbouring township of Midgley. It is useful also to note the original of this peculiar surname, arising no doubt, from the use of a nickname.

- 1763 December 25. Grace D. Ab<sup>m</sup>. Stansfield.  
 1764 June 24. Sally, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Shackleton fold, Wad:  
 July 25. Jo: Stansfield S. W<sup>m</sup>. Satansfield (*sic*) Hep: Web:  
 October 7. Jimey Greenwood S. Malley Greenwood Err: Reputed  
 Father Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 — 13. Charles, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Hayhead, St:  
 November 11. Sarah D. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 1765 January 13. Base. Samuel, Betty Sutcliffe, Fearnlee, St: reputed  
 Father Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Hundersfield.  
 February 3. George, Ge<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Holings, St:  
 March 16. Base. Ja<sup>s</sup>. Susan Stansfield, Hep: reputed Father  
 Abel Brierley, Hep:  
 April 9. Ab<sup>m</sup>, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 September 22. Mary, Eli Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 October 27. John, John Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 1766 January 29. James, Pharoah Hay, Wad: Woll Comber.  
 June 1. George, Tho<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Shackleton, Wad:  
 August 30. Mary, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Hay Head, St:  
 1767 January 4. Grace, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 February 1. Malley, Tho<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 — 8. Sally, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 August 12. W<sup>m</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Sutcliffe, Stansfield Hall, St: Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 September 13. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 October 11. Malley, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 November 29. Salley, Ely Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 December 28. Jn<sup>o</sup> and Betty, Mary Stansfield, Crostone, St:  
 reputed Father Ab<sup>m</sup> Sutcliffe, Todmorden.  
 1768 February 14. Susannah, Tho<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Tradesman.  
 March 13. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Shore, St: Yeo:  
 August 28. Sarah, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 November 13. Jimmey, W<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, St: Web:  
 1769 January 1. Grace, Tho. Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 March 28. Ann, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:

- 1769 June 25. Mary, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 July 2. Ann, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 August 31. W<sup>m</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 October 8. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Susan Stansfield, St: reputed Father Ely  
 Stansfield, St:  
 November 19. Ashton, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Yeo:  
 December 17. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Ely Stansfield, Hep: Web:
- 1770 January 5. Ely, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield. Wad: Web:  
 March 25. Ab<sup>m</sup>, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 September 23. Sally, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 December 9. Susannah, Ellis Stansfield, Err: Web:
- 1771 January 18. W<sup>m</sup>, Ann Helliwell, Wad: Spinster, reputed Father  
 Jon<sup>n</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 February 21. Jon<sup>n</sup>, W<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 April 2. Betty, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 May 26. Ja<sup>s</sup>, Sarah Stansfield, Err: Spinster, reputed Father  
 Matthew Scott, Sowerby, Web:  
 June 14. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Sutcliffe. Stansfield Hall, St: Yeō:  
 — 15. Ab<sup>m</sup>, Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 — 30. Susan, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Aged 4 Years.  
 — Mary, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield. Hep: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 July 5. Susannah, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 September 1. Tho:, Tho: Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 — 15. Betty, Tho: Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 October 26. Mary, Susan Crowther, St: reputed Father  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 November 19. W<sup>m</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:
- 1772 March 22. Edmund and Susan, Twins of Jn<sup>o</sup> Wilkinson,  
 Hep<sup>l</sup> Half pay Officer.  
 April 8. W<sup>m</sup>, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, St: Web:  
 — 19. Mark, Ely Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 May 7. Tommy, Ric<sup>d</sup> Stansfield, Hep<sup>l</sup> Web<sup>r</sup>  
 August 20. Sarah, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 October 11. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Ellis Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 December 30. Hannah, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Yeō:
- 1773 April 9. Ja<sup>s</sup>, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 May 4. W<sup>m</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 August 8. Sarah, W<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 September 5. Mary, Tho: Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>

(Tho: is interpolated above Mary, but neither crossed  
 through.)

- September 12. Martha, Tho: Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 — 21. Geo:, Geo: Stansfield, Shore, St:  
 December 29. Hannah and Phaney, Twins, Sally Stansfield,  
 reputed Father Jn<sup>o</sup> Crabtree, Sowerby, Web<sup>r</sup>
- 1774 January 30. John, Ab<sup>m</sup> Uttley, Hep<sup>l</sup> Clerk.  
 March 23. Sally, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 May 1. Sussey and Jinny, Twins of Ric<sup>d</sup> Wadsworth late Sexton  
 of Heptonstall.

- 1774 May 13. Ab<sup>m</sup>, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 June 12. Ja<sup>s</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 October 5. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 December 4. Ja<sup>s</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 — 27. W<sup>m</sup>, Ellis Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 1775 February 5. W<sup>m</sup>, James Stansfield, St:  
 — 28. Ab<sup>m</sup>, Rich<sup>d</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 April 18. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup> :  
 — Jinny, Ely Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 June 14. Betty, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St: Wool Comber.  
 October 22. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield. Sowerby, Clogger.  
 1776 February 11. Ann, Ellis Stansfield, St: Aged 18 Years  
 & 6 Months.  
 — 20. Ja<sup>s</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St: Yeo:  
 April 9. Betty, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 — Susy, Tho: Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 — 14. Jesse, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 May 2. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Susannah Stansfield, Hep: Spinster,  
 reputed Father Jn<sup>o</sup> Foster, Hep: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 October 12. Charles, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 — 23. W<sup>m</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Sutcliffe, Stansfield Hall, St: Yeo:  
 November 19. Ab<sup>m</sup>, Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 December 1. Betty, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 1777 January 12. Jinny, Ellis Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 March 11. W<sup>m</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Err: Clogger.  
 April 1. Geo:, Ely Stansfield, Hep: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 — 6. Rob<sup>t</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 May 4. Hannah, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 June 19. Annah, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Cordwainer.  
 — Mary, Sarah Stansfield, Sowerby, reputed Father,  
 Tho: Clayton Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 — 22. Betty, Tho: Bolton, Hep: School Master. Aged 17  
 Years & 9 Months.

(Five other children of his, all aged, were baptised at the same time.)

- August 24. Susan, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 November 9. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Richard Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 December 14. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 1778 January 11. Betty, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 February 3. John, John Sutcliffe, St: Inspector.  
 — 8. Ja<sup>s</sup>, Nanny Wilcock, Hep: Spr: reputed Father  
 Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St: Widower.  
 March 1. Mary, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St: Yeo:  
 May 3. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Geo: Stansfield, St:

(James Stansfield signs several pages amongst church-wardens. In 1779 the same name occurs, but written in a different style.)

- 1778 August 18. Geo.: Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 1779 March 14. W<sup>m</sup>, Sarah Horsfall, St: Spr: reputed Father  
     Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 April 2. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Sarah Clegg, Hep: Spr: reputed Father  
     Rob<sup>t</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web<sup>r</sup>  
     — 6. Henry, Ellis Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
     — 11. W<sup>m</sup>, Ann Uttley, Hep: Spr: reputed Father  
     Rob<sup>t</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
     — 14. Matty, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St: Web:  
 May 2. Ashton, Jn<sup>o</sup> Nowell, St: Wool-Comber.  
     — 16. Henry, W<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 June 4. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 September 25. W<sup>m</sup>, Ely Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 November 20. Phanny, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Err: Clogger.  
     — Sally, Tho: Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 1780 March 4. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
     — 20. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web: (*sic*)  
 May 28. Mary, Petty Mitchell, St. Spr: reputed  
     Father Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansf<sup>d</sup>. St. Web:  
 June 18. Betty, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
     — 20. Betty, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St: Web:  
 September 3. Mary, Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 October 13. Ann, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 November 19. Sally, Mary Stansfield, Err: Spr: reputed  
     Father Ja<sup>s</sup> Lord, Err: Web:  
 1781 February 27. W<sup>m</sup>, Ric<sup>d</sup>. Stansfield, Wad: W<sup>l</sup>. Comber.  
 March 26. Sarah, Petty Stansfield, Err: Spr: reputed Father  
     Ab<sup>m</sup>. Speak, Err: Web:  
 April 22. Tho:, Geo: Stansfield, St: Holebottom.  
 June 7. Jonathan, John Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 August 2. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St: Web:  
     — 5. Jon<sup>m</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 November 10. Mary, Ric<sup>d</sup>. Stansfield, Langf<sup>d</sup>.  
 1782 May 12. Joseph, Rob<sup>t</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 July 6. Sally, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Shore, St. Yeo:  
 August 11. Annah, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 November 3. W<sup>m</sup>, Geo: Stansfield, St:  
     — 17. Grace, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Sow(erby) Web<sup>r</sup>.  
 December 25. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St: Militiaman.  
 1783 June 22. Hannah, Tho: Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 October 11. Mary, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web: aged 4 months.  
 1784 February 24. W<sup>m</sup>, Susannah Greenwood, Wad: Spr: reputed  
     Father Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 April 9. Henry, Rob<sup>t</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
     — 17. Hannah, Ri: Stansfield, Lang:  
 May 2. Tho<sup>s</sup> of George and Ann Stansfield of St:  
 June 5. Sally, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 July 15. Betty, W<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Hep: W<sup>l</sup>. Comber.  
 September 11. Tho:, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:  
     — Geo:, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:  
     — Abm:, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:

- 1784 September 11. Betty, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, St:  
       — 26. Abraham, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, St:  
 November 4. Squire, Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, St: Web:  
 1785 May 1. Susey, Susan Stansfield, St: Spr: reputed Fath<sup>r</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>.  
       Thomas, St: Yeo: Aged 3 months.  
 June 14. Ely, Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Err: Cordwainer.  
 October 11. Jo<sup>s</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 December 5. Mally and Sally, Twins of Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 1786 January 22. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Wm. Shackleton, School Master of Heptonstall.  
 March 5. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Err: Web:  
       — Mally, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Sow: Clogger.  
 April 30. Ja<sup>s</sup>. Mally Stansfield, Wad: Spr: reputed Father,  
       Ja<sup>s</sup>. Nowell, Wad: Web:  
 May 14. Betty, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Err: Web:  
       — 6. Mary, Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, St: At Crostone.  
 June 25. Sally, Ric<sup>d</sup>. Stansfield, St: Webr:  
 September 17. Sally, Geo: Stansfield, St: Web:

End of baptisms in vol. iv.

## BURIALS.

- 1726 Aprill 1. Wife Jonathan Stansfield, Er:  
 June 22. M<sup>r</sup>. Wm. Sutcliffe, Sutcliffe, Stan:  
 1727 October 19. M<sup>r</sup>. Edward Metham, Cur<sup>t</sup>. Crosstone.  
 1727-8 March 17. Child John Stansfield, Hep:  
 1728 April 29. Abram Stansfield Stan:  
 1729 June 15. Robert Stansfield, Wad: poor.  
 1729-30 January 12. Wife, Tho: Stansfield, Err:  
 1730 August 3. Geo: S. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Stansfield, Sow (erby).  
 1731 April 24. Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Warley, House (holder).  
 December 20. John Stansfield, Stan:  
 1731-2 March 11. Wm. Sutcliffe, Err: Gent:  
       — 19. Child, John Stansfield, Err:  
 1732 May 19. Child, Mic<sup>l</sup>. Utley and Sarah Stansfield, Warly, Base.  
 1733 Aprill 14. John Stansfield. Stan: Yeomā:  
 1734 Aprill 16. Wife, George Stansfield, Stan :  
 1735 June 10. James, Joseph Stansfield, Hep<sup>l</sup>.  
 Oc: 10. Betty the Daughter of John Stansfield, St:  
 December 25. A stranger Died in Hep:  
 1735-6 February 27. John Stansfield of St: Poor.  
 1736 May 13. Titus, Toho<sup>s</sup> (*sic*) Stansfield, St:  
 July 27. M<sup>r</sup>. Henry Cockcroft, Wad: of Mayroid.  
 1738 May 12. John Stansfield, Stans: House:  
 1738-9 January 22. Wife of George Stansfield, St:  
 1739 March 25. Child, Joseph Stansfield, Hep:  
 August 20. Abraham Stansfield, Hep: House:  
 1739-40 February 25. John Stansfield, Stans:  
 1741-2 March 23. Child, Mr. Arnold, Hep:  
 1742-3 February 5. Richard Stansfield, Sowerby, House:  
 1743 May 7. Widow Stansfield, Stans:  
 1744 June 8. Widow Stansfield, Eringden.

- 1744 September 19. Wife, Mr. George Heartley of —.
- 1745 October 16. Wife, Charles Stansfield, St:
- 1746 June 4. Daughter, George Stansfield, St:  
 July 20. Child, John Stansfield, Er:  
 October 12. Mary, Daughter John Stansfield, St:  
 — 6. Margaret, Daughter Mr. James Harison, Hep:  
 November 7. Mrs. Grimshaw of Hawworth, wife of The Rev. Mr. Grimshaw, Curate there, and Daughter of Henry Cockroft, Esq: of Mayroid.
- 1747 May 2. Child, John Stansfield, Wad:  
 — 27. Wife of sum man in Lang:  
 — Wife, William Stansfield, Hep:
- 1747-8 February 15. John Stansfield, St:  
 March 5. A Woman from Sowerby.
- 1748 June 1. John of John Stansfield, St:  
 August 17. Widow Stansfield, St:  
 September 1. Mr. Greenwood, Elphabrough Hall, late Curate of Heptonstall. He serv'd this Chapel 32 Yrs., having resign'd in y<sup>e</sup> Year 1744.
- 1749 May 18. Grace, wife of Thomas Stansfield, Wads: Web:  
 August 18. Mary Stansfield, widow.
- 1751 May 20. Mary Stansfield, widow, Erringden, poor.  
 — 31. Charles S. John Stansfield, Wads: Webs:  
 November 8. Sarah D. Charles Stansfield, St:  
 December 31. Wid: Stansfield, St:
- 1752 August 11. Mary D. William Stansfield, St:  
 — 13. The Rever<sup>d</sup>. Master John Parker, from Leeds, Curate of Pool and Usher of y<sup>e</sup> Free School in Leeds.
- 1753 May 8. Sarah, Wife Abraham Stansfield, St:  
 — 28. Sarah, Wife Jonas Stansfield, St: Yeo:  
 June 28. Mr. Leeming, Hep: Doctor.  
 November 17. Mary, Wife John Stansfield, St:  
 December 18. Widow Stansfield, Turvin (Erringden).
- 1754 March 24. Wife Mr. Thomas Cockroft, Wad:  
 July 17. Mr. Abram Sutcliffe, Ribbingden (Ripponden?)  
 November 4. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Stansfield, Wad: householder.  
 December 21. Wife Mr. Abram Sutcliffe, Er:
- 1755 February 18. Sarah, daughter Paul Stansfield, Stans: Comber.  
 June 27. Wife Jonathan Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 October 14. Abram Stansfield, Wad: widow (er).
- 1756 October 9. The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Lund, Curate of White Chapel.
- 1757 July 21. William S. John Slater, Hep: Sexton, Accidental Death.
- 1758 March 29. Jam<sup>s</sup>. S. John Stansfield, St:  
 June 25. John Stansfield, Stans:  
 December 7. John Stansfield, Stans:
- 1759 May 23. Wife, Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Err:  
 November 22. Wife, James Stansfield, St:
- 1760 May 30. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Stansfield, Wad:
- 1761 February 12. Widow Stansfield, Wad:
- 1762 March 2. Wife, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Greenwood, Hep: Sackstone (Sexton).

- 1761 March 20. Widow Stansfield, St:  
 1763 January 15. Jn<sup>o</sup>, S. Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 April 13. Wife, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 July 4. Wife, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 1764 May 19. Wife, Ellis Stansfield, Err:  
 — 30. Two children, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Err:  
 July 27. Wife, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 September 12. Wife, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Holings, St:  
 — 26. Charles Stansfield, Bacop, Lankishire.  
 November 16. Child, Jo<sup>n</sup> Stansfield, Luddenden.  
 1765 February 18. Jonas Stansfield, Commons, St:  
 May 6. W<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Highlath, Hep:  
 August 19. Widow Stansfield, St:  
 1766 April 15. Wife, Edmund Stansfield, St:  
 1767 August 13. W<sup>m</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Sutcliffe, Stansfield Hall, Jun<sup>r</sup> St:  
 September 11. Daniel Helliwell, Hep: Clerk.  
 1768 March 3. Wife, Jn<sup>o</sup> Sutcliffe, Stansfield Hall, Jun<sup>r</sup> St:  
 September 9. Jn<sup>o</sup> Law, Clerk, Curate of Crostone.  
 October 2. Ann, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Cross Lee, St:  
 — 4. Male Child, Paul Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 November 2. Ann, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Crossley, St:
- (NOTE.—This is evidently a duplicate entry, see October 2nd.)
- 1768 December 14. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Ab<sup>m</sup>, and Mary, Sons and Daughter of  
 Luke Stansfield of St:  
 1769 January 1. Ja<sup>s</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Law, Clerk, late Curate of Cross Stone.  
 March 7. Jn<sup>o</sup>, Geo: Stansfield, Hollins, St:  
 December 6. Joseph Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 1770 May 1. David Heartley de Bellhouse in Villâ Erringdinensis  
 suspensus in Collo propé Eboracum, ob Nummos publicos  
 illicité cudendos et accidendos.
- [That is, David Hartley of Bellhouse, in the township of  
 Erringden, hanged near York, for illegally clipping and coining  
 public money.]
- 1770 June 14. Ab<sup>m</sup>, Geo: Stansfield, Shore, St:  
 July 25. Elizabeth Stansfield, Err: Spinster.  
 — 29. Jon<sup>n</sup> Stansfield, Wad: Web:  
 1771 May 2. Henry Cockroft, Wad: Gentleman.  
 August 29. Wife, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 October 26. Ann, Betty Stansfield, St: reputed Father  
 Ja<sup>s</sup> Greenwood, St:  
 November 21. M<sup>r</sup> Tho: Pawson, 45 Years School Master of  
 Heptonstall.
- 1772 March 3. Wife, Jon<sup>n</sup> Stansfield, Midgley.  
 — 29. Edmund Stansfield, St: Wool-Comber.  
 April 14. Jn<sup>o</sup> Sutcliffe, Err: Gent:  
 May 20. Jo: Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, St: Web:  
 June 21. Jn<sup>o</sup> Kershaw, Lang: drown'd in y<sup>e</sup> River Calder.  
 July 23. Mary, Jo: Stansfield, St:

- 1772 August 5. Ann, W<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Hundersfield.  
 — 17. Matthew Ackroyd, Wad: Coal-Miner feloniously  
 slain by Jon<sup>n</sup> Townend, Wad:  
 1773 January 16. Henry, W<sup>m</sup> Cockroft's only Son of Mayroyd, Wad:  
 Gentleman.  
 April 6. Martha Stansfield, Err: Spinster.  
 July 31. Sally, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield f<sup>m</sup> Rochdale.  
 August 20. Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 October 3. Betty Stansfield, St:  
 — 4. Geo:, Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 — 18. Mary, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 November 18. Wife, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 December 2. William Cockroft, Mayroid, Wad: Gentleman.  
 ————— Betty, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 — 6. Jo: Stansfield, St: Webster.  
 1774 January 8. Ab<sup>m</sup>, Ab<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 — 9. Mary, Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 February 16. Mr Henry Cockroft, Mayroyd, Wad:  
 — 4. Jn<sup>o</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 — 27. Mary Stansfield, Hep<sup>l</sup> Spinster.  
 March 16. Mr. Henry Cockroft, Mayroid, Wad:

(This is evidently a double entry, see February 16th.)

- April 12. Jo:, Jo: Stansfield, St:  
 — 13. Wife, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 May 13. Mary, Wife Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 — 28. Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 June 26. Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 August 28. Ja<sup>s</sup>, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 1775 June 14. Wife, Paul Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 July 11. Wife, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 December 6. Hannah, Sally Stansfield, Err: Base.  
 — 29. Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 1776 January 5. W<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 March 20. Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St: Wool Comber.  
 — 31. Catherine, Sally Stansfield, Err: Base.  
 May 17. Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 July 2. Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 — 8. Grace, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 September 9. Child, Ely Stansfield, Hep: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 October 23. Mary, Wife Jn<sup>o</sup> Sutcliffe, Stansfield Hall, Yeo:  
 1777 April 16. Wife, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 May 31. Susannah Stansfield, Hep:  
 1778 February 28. Paul Stansfield, St: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 March 15. Betty, Tho: Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>

(James Stansfield signs the register amongst the church-wardens, the last but one.)

- 1779 April 28. Hannah, Wife Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 May 4. Joshua Fielden, Clerk of Cross-Stone.



- 1779 July 11. Ellis Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 1780 February 4. Martha, wife Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 June 15. Ab<sup>m</sup> Gibson of Greenwood Lee in Hep: Yeo:  
 July 23. Ja<sup>s</sup> Greenwood, wilfully murder'd by Rob<sup>t</sup> Blakeney,  
 Soldier.  
 September 8. W<sup>m</sup> Greenwood, Hep: Yeo: Killed by standing  
 too near a Cow and a Bull.  
 October 1. W<sup>m</sup> Stansfield, Lang<sup>d</sup>  
 — 2. Esther wife Luke Crossley, St: Gent:  
 — 9. Ann, Ab<sup>m</sup> Uttley, Hep: Clerk.  
 — 17. W<sup>m</sup>, Ely Stansfield, Hep:  
 December 12. Martha, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St: Web:  
 1781 January 9. Henry Stansfield, St:  
 — Susan, Ely Stansfield, St: Badger.  
 — 13. Ja<sup>s</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 February 4. Betty, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:  
 March 31. Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Uttley, Curate of Luddenden.  
 April 3. Charles Stansfield, Err:  
 — 4. Luke Townend, Halifax, Charcoal burner.  
 May 24. Miss Grace Cockcroft late of Mayroyd from Halifax.  
 December 5. Henry, W<sup>m</sup> Sutcliffe, Fieldhead, St: Gent:  
 1782. March 13. Tho: Geo: Stansfield, St:  
 April 8. Mary, wife of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Atkinson, Curate of Crostone.  
 1783. August 19. Thomas Spencer de Sowerby suspensus in Collo  
 prope Olicanem proper (propter?) Turbam Anonæ  
 (Annonæ?) Ratione excitatam in Tempore Caritatis.  
 Marcus Saltonstall de Erringen idem propter Crimen eandem  
 (eadem?) Pœnam ibidem luebat (?).

[That is, Thomas Spencer of Sowerby was hanged near  
 Halifax, for kindling a bread riot in a time of scarcity. Mark  
 Saltonstall underwent the same penalty, at the same place, for  
 the like offence.]

- 1783 September 15. Ric<sup>d</sup> Sutcliffe, Hep: late School Master at  
 Calverly.  
 1784 February 4. Martha, Tho: Stansfield, Wad: Web<sup>r</sup>  
 March 2. Mary Relict of W<sup>m</sup> Cockroft, late of Mayroyd, Wad:  
 Gent:  
 — 9. Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Shore, St:  
 June 5. Sally, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, St:

NOTE: The above is entered along with four others, and  
 crossed out with them; but is omitted, when the others are  
 entered in the proper place.

- September 8. Ri: Sutcliffe, St: late School-Master at Mirfield.  
 1785 February 15. Jn<sup>o</sup> Lord, Hep: Surgeon.  
 August 24. Hannah, Jn<sup>o</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 September 14. Squire, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 October 21. Mary wife Tho: Greenwood, Clerk from Mirfield.

- 1785 December 8. Sally, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 — 18. Mally, Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield, Err: Web:  
 1786 March 31. Mary wife Ely (Ely) Stansfield, Sow: Web:  
 — wife, Ely Stansfield Sowerby, Web:  
 April 23. Widow Stansfield, Err:  
 May 6. Susan, Tho: Barker, Stansfield Hall, St:  
 August 22. Hannah Stansfield, Sowerby, Sp<sup>r</sup>  
 — 19. Sally Stansfield, St:  
 October 16. Ja<sup>s</sup> Stansfield from Skircoat, Web: paup(er).  
 December 12. Wife, Joseph Stansfield, Hep: Web:  
 End of burials in volume iv.

## MARRIAGES.

The first volume of marriages alone, commences in 1754, and ends in 1765. It is of paper, printed according to the Act of parliament relating thereto.

- 1754 November 12. John Stansfield, webster and Betty Nash, spr: both of Stansfield. Witness Joseph Stansfield.  
 1755 November 6. W<sup>m</sup> Greenwood, Blacksmith, and Ann Stansfield, spinster, both of Stansfield.  
 1756 February 8. William Eastwood, widower, and Susan Stansfield, widow, both of Wadsworth.  
 June 1. Edward Wadsworth, webster, and Martha Stansfield, spinster, both of Heptonstall.  
 August 26. George Stansfield, wool comber, and Mary Greenwood, spinster, both of Stansfield.  
 1757 December 26. Luke Stansfield, webster, and Betty Greenwood, spinster, both of Stansfield. Witness, Joseph Stansfield.  
 1758 January 19. Thomas Stansfield, widower, and Mary Crossley, spinster, both of Wadsworth.  
 April 13. James Stansfield, woolcomber, and Ann Mallison, spinster, both of Stansfield.  
 July 27. Samuel Fielden, Cliveger in y<sup>e</sup> chapelry of Burnely, and Mary Stansfield of Stansfield, spinster. Witness, Joseph Stansfield.  
 December 17. Jonas Boulton, webster, and Betty Stansfield, spinster, both of Erringden.  
 1759 August 6. Joseph Stansfield, webster, and Mary Stephenson, spinster, both of Stansfield.  
 December 31. James Stansfield, webster, and Mary Stephenson, spinster, both of Stansfield. Witness, Joseph Stansfield.  
 1760 January 24. Abraham Stansfield, webster, and Grace Rishton, widow, both of Erringden.  
 February 28. John Ogden, webster, and Susan Stansfield, spinster, both of Stansfield.  
 May 28. Thomas Cockcroft, Gentleman, and Mary Ogden, spinster, both of Wadsworth.  
 1761 June 27. Thomas Stansfield, webster, and Ann Holt, spinster, both of Stansfield.

- 1762 September 2. John Stansfield, and Susan Hollingrake, both of Stansfield.  
 — 7. James Shackleton, and Mary Stansfield, both of Heptonstall.  
 November 11. John Taylor and Elizabeth Stansfield, both of Stansfield.
- 1763 January 13. Robert Suthers and Prudence Stansfield, both of Stansfield.  
 September 15. Luke Harwood, whitesmith, widower, and Betty Stansfield, widow, both of Stansfield.  
 October 13. John Stansfield, widower, and Mary Greenwood, widow, both of Heptonstall.  
 November 3. John Stansfield, webster, and Ann Sutcliffe, spinster, both of Stansfield. Witnesses, John Stansfield and George Stansfield.  
 — 10. John Greenwood, webster, and Hannah Stansfield, spinster, both of Stansfield. Witness, John Stansfield.  
 — 24. Charles Stot, webster, and Sarah Stansfield, spinster, both of Stansfield.  
 December 26. Abraham Stansfield, webster, and Susan Greenwood, spinster, both of Stansfield.
1764. March 5. James Stansfield, webster, and Mally Heap, spinster, both of Erringden. Witness, Ely Stansfield.  
 — 6. Solomon Crabtree, cordwainer, and Mary Stansfield, spinster, both of Erringden.  
 September 27. Ely Mitchell, joiner, and Sarah Stansfield, spinster, both of Stansfield.  
 November 20. William Stansfield, webster, and Mary Midgley, spinster, both of Erringden.  
 December 27. John Stansfield, webster, and Betty Clayton, spinster, both of Erringden.

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Amongst many entries, not copied, in volume ij of marriages only, is the following :—

No. 170. John Stansfield of this parish, Yeoman, and Sarah Gibson of D<sup>o</sup> Spinster, were married in this Chapel by Licence granted by D<sup>r</sup> Legh, Surr: this Twentieth Day of April, in the Year One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-seven by me.

T. SUTCLIFFE, Curate.

The Marriage was solemnized between us.

JOHN STANSFIELD.

SARAH GIBSON.

In the presence of AB<sup>m</sup> NAYLER.  
 JNO. SUTCLIFFE.

In the succeeding volumes of the registers, the Stansfeld entries are very numerous; but as they are of such recent dates, they thereby lose their interest, unless they apply to members of the family, mentioned in the pedigrees. But, as will be seen hereafter, the Sowerby branch of the family seems to have monopolised all the attention of previous historians. Thoresby, indeed, communicated with Samuel Stansfield of Bradford, whom he considered the head of the family; and not fifteen years before the date of his letter to John Evelyn, James Stansfield of Stansfield, whose grandfather sold Stansfield Hall, was buried, on the 29th July, 1691. The descendants of the brothers and sisters of his father, Ashton Stansfield, who are mentioned in Heralds' College pedigree No. 1, must have been living at the time, and, no doubt, continue to this day; but the obscurity of the locality where they resided, then, as now, would render difficult to be obtained, the information necessary to form a pedigree.

The registers of Crostone church, were copied in the Heptonstall registers, the extracts being forwarded on a note. As successive parish clerks, who made the copies, would differ materially in the ability and pains displayed in their work, it is easily understood, how errors and omissions occur in Heptonstall registers. The entries, in the preceding pages, were copied errors and all. Some are double entries, as on pp. 54, 69, 70 and 72; and others may have the wrong date attached, as shewn by the entry direct from Crostone register, on p. 61. But, taken as a whole, the Heptonstall registers are in splendid preservation, highly creditable to those who, in the past, have been charged with their possession









## CHAPTER IV.

### STANSFIELD TOWNSHIP.



JUSTICE demands more than a passing reference to the township, from which the Stansfeld family derived its name. The name itself is not difficult to be understood, especially as another not far distant township, in the same parish, is called Stainland, stone land. But Stansfield, spelt in Domesday as *Stanesfelt*, has always had the plural to the first syllable, and would seem to mean the field of *the* stones. But the ordinary meaning of the word *field*, is not applicable in this case. When we read of "O'er hill and dale, o'er wood and field," we understand the last named, to be a place cleared of trees, which have been "felled." What, in the backwoods of America, is called a "clearing;" and applied, in a woody country, in the same manner as, in moorland tracts, the word "royd" is used. That the township of Stansfield, which extends for six miles along the river Calder, and stretches far away from the banks, over precipitous hills, to wild ranges of moorland, that never, even yet, have been enclosed for cultivation, could be faithfully described as a place cleared of trees, no one could credit. Some other derivation must therefore be sought, and this is readily found in the Anglo Saxon *feld* (*locus vastus, montanus*), or the Danish *field*, of the same meaning. Compare Dovrefeld, a mountain in Norway; and Fairfield, in the lake district. To the Saxon or Danish settlers advancing up Calder valley, the township might well appear a mountainous waste; so equally would the opposite township of Langfield. Stansfield, therefore, may be taken to mean, the mountainous waste of *the* stones.

What particular stones, if any, were commemorated in the name of the township, it is not difficult to discover. Watson's *History of Halifax*, pp. 23-5, copied in later histories, gives an account of several druidical remains in the township, and specially of the Bridestones. This same account appears in the *Archæologia* vol. II, being a paper read by the same author, before the Society of Antiquaries. He does not give a very lucid description of the scene; but mentions that, "At first view the whole looked something like a temple of the serpentine kind, described by the late Dr. Stukeley." He also refers to a similar remain, called by the same name, in Staffordshire, mentioned in Rowland's *Mona Antiqua*. There is a full account of these Bridestones, which stand upon the ridge between Cheshire and Staffordshire, in the *Reliquary* vol. IV, pp. 27-8. Watson, whilst regretting that Rowland attempts no etymology of the name, offers the Saxon *bryd*, a bride, as a reasonable one, and quotes a deed, dated at Stansfield, 5th January, 6th Henry VII (1491), to shew that the name was no modern one. But although a name be not modern, it is very easy to attach a modern meaning to it; and that is probably what the country people did, when they gave the name of the Groom, to an adjacent rock to the principal one, which they called the Bride. The neighbours of the Staffordshire Bridestones, have gone further than this, and have attached a romantic story of a Danish groom and a Saxon bride being murdered, and the stones being placed around their grave.

But the real etymology of the term is not remote, and has been well illustrated by the late William Priestley. The British *breiad*, Gaelic *braidh* and *bearradh*, Islandic *bryddr* and Danish *bred*, all have somewhat similar meanings, and describe exactly the situation, both of the Stansfield and Staffordshire Bridestones, namely, the edge or margin of the top of the mountain. One of the stones is very much honey-combed with the weather. Close to it, is a circular cluster of about a dozen rounded ones, on the west side the end one is fallen down, and the next one is standing on its thin end, like a balloon in shape. The next three are all detached. A rude stone cut as a calvary



cross, was found in a field next below the road, under the Bride-stones. As it was customary for the early christian missionaries, to utilise the sacred places of the people, and to hallow them for the purposes of the new religion ; this is some sort of confirmatory evidence of the druidical character of the place.

But there is nothing in the appearance of the rocks, to shew that their disposition is due to any human interference. The whole group supplies a practical illustration to students in elementary geology, of the ordinary denudation that has been going on for hundreds of years, on the summits of our local hills. Bathed, sometimes for days together, in the low-lying clouds that here meet with their first resistance, in their eastern course across the island, it is no wonder that the surface soil has long been washed away. But the millstone grit, which lies beneath, offered and still does offer, a stubborn resistance, to the wear and tear of atmospheric disintegration. But even that must suffer, though in a less degree ; hence rocks that once were buried deep in soft alluvial soil, now tower feet above the surrounding ground, and bear upon their rounded surfaces, the scars and groovings of the war of ages. And as the stones themselves are rounded, so likewise are the summits of the hills.

No wonder then, that denuded rocks appear detached, in circular form, in many cases. Even if the summit were originally a solid mass of rock, such is the power of sun and frost, and wind and water, upon these elevated surfaces, that the work of detachment is but a question of time. But the country-people ascribed to human agency, what, in many cases, was the ordinary daily work of nature. With the self-same ignorance, they called the flint celts and arrow-heads, of a preceding age, which they sometimes turned up with their spades, elfin or fairy bolts ; and many a stretch of Roman road over solid rock, is called to this day, the Devil's Causeway. So tradition does not always correctly differentiate, between the work of man and nature, elf or fairy, and the Devil.

But what nature has prepared, man may use ; and the druids appropriated, for their religious purposes, the stones on the high places of the land. But who does not remember the

shrinking horror, with which some ignorant country-man would point out the bowl-shaped cavities, with which these rocks abound ; and with a voice lowered from its natural high-pitched shout [it is said they "barked," in Haworth, until a hundred years ago] to a mysterious whisper, explain that these were made by the druids, to hold the blood of human victims. And perhaps, even while he spoke, the innocent causes of their existence were still at work.

The rocks are full of pebbles of quartz, much harder than the sandstone in which they occur. Hence they stand out like gems from the surface ; and when their sandstone setting is worn away, if they cannot fall to the ground, they are blown by the wind into some slight depression, probably a matrix whence some larger pebble, or, may be, some nodule formed from a nucleus of another combination, has been freed, or a softer portion of the rocky surface. Here the wind, not strong enough to blow them clear away, agitates them ; and they cut away the rock, releasing other quartz crystals, and very soon obtain a circular motion, being driven round and round by the wind. When the quartz point [often used to cut glass in the district] is worn quite smooth, other pebbles either loosened *in situ*, or blown into the freshly started bowl, are ready to take up the work. The rain lodges there, and contributes its share. The gritty sand blows in, and what with wind and water, pebbles and sand, and perhaps some chemical agency, a bowl-shaped cavity soon is formed, large enough to hold the blood of many a man. These restless servants of nature may be seen any time, moving round and round ; time is no object with them, and their very corporate existence is worn away in the task. At last, during a heavy rain, they escape partly in solution, and perhaps in time, reach a mountain stream, and thence a factory boiler, and form an encrustation of silicates, which may be the primary cause of more sacrifice of human life, than ever druids contemplated on the rocky heights above.

Stansfield was part of the manor of Wakefield, granted by the crown to earl Warren, who claimed free chace and warren

therein, and produced a charter, dated 27th January, 37 Hen. III (1253) from that king, granting him free warren in all his demesne lands, which he already had, or should in future acquire. And even afterwards, when the sub-infeudatory manor of Stansfield had been created, the sub-tenant, John Thornhill, granted to William, earl Warren, right to keep all his wild beasts, deer and fowls, in his land of Sowerbyshire, of which Stansfield was a part, by the proper forester of the earl; in exchange, that the said John Thornhill and his heirs, should take yearly, five stags of grease, and five hinds in winter, and make their whole commodity of all their lands and woods in Sowerbyshire, at their pleasure, without contradiction of the earl and his heirs.

Hamelyn Plantaginet, earl Warren, who succeeded in 1163, to the manor of Wakefield, granted to Jordan, son of Askolf, his inheritance in Sowerbyshire; and the said Jordan granted the fourth part of the said inheritance to his brother Helias, and his heirs, and seven oxgangs of land in Stansfield, and in Rottenstall, to hold of Jordan and his heirs, as of the first begotten, by right of foreign service. And in Dodsworth's MS. is a deed without date:—

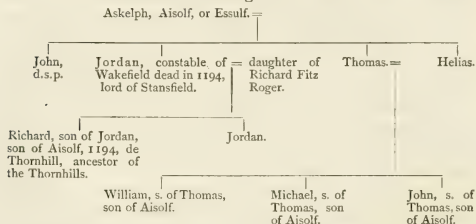
“I John son of Essolf have given to Roger son of Warin and to Amabella his daughter, 5 oxgangs of land in Stansfeld, with the mill in the same towne, with what is fixed to the mill, which with the appurtenances amount to 7 oxgangs of land. To be held as free marriage with wastes, woods, &c., rendering 15d. yearly.”

In the same MS. it is recorded that, 3rd Edward I. (1274-5), John de Thornhill, held xl. (forty) oxgangs of land in Stansfield and Wadsworth, and rendered by the year xs.

There was a trial in the Duchy Court, 6th Elizabeth (1563-4), between the crown, as owner of the manor of Wakefield, laying claim to the wastes and manors of Stansfield, &c., against Edward Savile, whose ancestor had married the daughter and heiress of Simon Thornhill, and thus become possessed of them. The jury found for the defendant, who produced the deeds above-mentioned, and many others. (See Watson's *History of Halifax*, pp. 87-9.) The manor of Stansfield has remained in the Savile family to this day. At the

inquisition held at Pontefract, 25th August, 5 and 6 Philip and Mary (1558), after the death of Henry Savile, the father of the above Edward, it was found that the manors of Stansfeld and Wadsworth, were held of the lordship of Wakefield, by the annual rent of two shillings, and to be worth, beyond reprises, thirty pounds.

The pedigree of the Thornhills, commences with Askelph, who is credited with the following issue:—



Thornhill in Domesday, was the land of Ilbert de Laci, previously of Gerneber, Aldene and Gamel. There was a Gamell, son of Linulf de Batheley, who gave to the hospital of S. Peter of York, the land in Helei called Gamelrode. And Dodsworth also records another deed, without date:—

“ Know ye that I Emma d. of Hugh s of Orm de Batelai, and Assulf my son and heir, have sold unto Roger son of William de Bingley one oxgang of land with appurtenances in the town of Rastrick, to wit that which Leising the son of Herbert held, and Leising himself with all his sequence.”

But this Roger de Rastrick was living in A.D. 1251.

Dr. Whitaker, in *Loidis and Elmete*, remarks that the family which enjoyed the manor of Batley, are remarkable for having borne, not successively, but at the same time, according to their occasional changes of abode, the surname de Batteley, de Copley and de Oxenhope. But the time of settled surnames was not yet, and it is possible that not only this family, but several others in the parish of Halifax, will be found, when the history of the Talvace or Talevas family is written, to have

sprung from it. William, the third earl Warren, married Adela, daughter of William Talvace, earl of Ponthieu and Sais; and there is no doubt whatever, that the family of Copley is derived from a Talevas. And seeing that Skircoat was part of the domain of Sowerbyshire, granted by Hameline Plantaginet, who married the daughter by the above marriage, to Jordan son of Askolph, the following deeds, given by Dodsworth, seem to bear upon the point :—

“ John Talvas gave to Thomas his son, the fourth part of the town of Skircoat, and the demesne lande of Copley. Witnesses, Jordano filio Askelphi de Thornhill, Hugone de Eland, Jo: filio Rob<sup>i</sup> de Cromwelbothom, militibus; Jo: fil. FERGUS de STANSFELD, Andreæ de Langfield. The seal is four arrow-heads with a posy.

“ Jordan, son of Jo: Talvas, gave to Hugh de Copley son of Thomas Talvas his brother, xvj acres in Skircoat woods, v acres in Merecloughbothom, and the fourth part of the miln. Witnesses, Peter de Alta Ripa, Robt. de Flaynesburgh, John de Thornhill, Henry de Hiperum, Hugh de Rastrick, Michael Talvas, RICHARD de STANSFELD, Will de Laval.

“ Hugh Talvas gave to Richard vicar of Halifax, the manor of Copley, in the township of Skircoat A.D. 1363. Witnesses, John Savile de Eland, Henry Savile, John de Lacy, WILL de STANSFELD, Thomas Culpan.”

The above deeds supply three generations of the Talvas family of Copley, and also four generations of the family of Stansfeld.

Whitaker's *History of Whalley* relates a matter connected with the township of Stansfield, which gives some idea of the wildness of the country, and of its inhabitants, in his days :—

“ One practical superstition, peculiar so far as I know to this place, deserves to be remembered. The hydro-cephalus is a disease incident to adolescent animals, and is supposed by the shepherds and herdsmen to be contagious. But in order to prevent the progress of the disease, whenever a young beast had died of this complaint, it was usual, and it has, I believe, been practised by farmers yet alive, to cut off the head, and convey it for interment, into the nearest part of the adjoining county. Stiperden, a desert place upon the border of Yorkshire, was the place of skulls. Of so strange and fantastic a practice, it is difficult to give any solution ;

yet it may have arisen from some confused and fanciful analogy to the case of the Azazel (Numbers xv. 22.), an analogy between the removal of sin and of disease."

Crostone, or Cross Stone, takes its name, so says Watson, "From an ancient stone cross, the top of which is now destroyed, and the bottom is made into a seat, from whence is a very good prospect of the country." It must have been a remarkably wild view in Watson's days, as even yet, the tops of the hills are clothed in heather. But the rising town of Todmorden, in the valley, to the right, gives a feature of life to the scene, which must then have been lacking. On the hill above Todmorden, Dob Royd Castle, a modern erection, stands in the position of an ancient feudal hall. Crowning the heights of Langfield opposite, a landmark for miles around, is erected Stoodley Pike, an obelisk of stone, rising from a balustraded basement, forming a gallery, reached by a flight of steps, 40 feet from the ground. The obelisk itself towers 80 feet higher still; the total height being 40 yards. A former pike was commenced, upon the abdication of Napoleon the Great in 1814, and completed in 1815, soon after his final fall. It was blown down, however, in the terrible storm of the 8th February 1854; and the present erection commemorates the restoration of peace, after the Crimean war.

Watson thought that *Crūbetonsetun* in Domesday, might be Crostone, being of opinion that he had discovered in *Heptone*, the original of Heptonstall. Dr. Whitaker, who pointed out this latter mistake, objected to Crostone that:—

"This is not only no hamlet within Stansfield, but never was included within it, I deem it therefore much more probable, that it is meant for the valley, bounding on one side the township of Heptonstall, now called Crimsworthden or Crimsworth (especially as Heptonstall itself is not mentioned in Domesday)."

Dr. Whitaker's reasoning against Mr. Watson invalidates his own conjecture; for Crimsworthden, also, is not only no hamlet within Heptonstall, but never was included in it. The name also, is as little like that in Domesday, as Crostone itself.

But discard all idea of providing for Heptonstall, a local habitation, if not its own name, in Domesday book; and a place

at once suggests itself, having similarity of sound, with the lost locality in the Dom Boc. Under the ridge of the hill in Erringden, on a ledge of sloping land, nearly opposite Heptonstall, there is still a little hamlet called Cruttonstall, preserving after the lapse of nine centuries, as near an approach to the name—Crūbetonsetun, as the imperfect phonography of the Norman scribes permitted. Its situation furnishes, moreover, a reason for the cessation of the name, in the legal documents of the earliest periods, subsequent to the date of Domesday. Where there is a great change in the orthography, between a name in the Domesday book, and one in the present day, an intermediate stage is often seen in the early charters. But in the case of Crūbetonsetun, there is the single entry in Domesday book, and then no more. If it were Cruttonstall, this disappearance would be explained; as Erringden, wherein it was situated, was emparked, and remained a preserve of deer, until the reign of Henry VI.

The difficulty that this application of *Crūbetonsetun*, to a portion of Erringden, leaves Heptonstall entirely out of Domesday, is no objection to this suggestion; since the suggestions, both of Mr. Watson and of Dr. Whitaker, are equally open to the like remark. Crimsworth is in Wadsworth township, which is itself mentioned in Domesday, as one of the berewics of Wakefield. There is no natural boundary, by which it could ever have been separated from that township. Whereas the present boundary of Heptonstall (on that side), is obvious and irremovable, following the course of the Hepton, from the valley of the Calder, to its rise on the hills bounding Yorkshire and Lancashire. In the same manner, Crostone is part of the township of *Stanesfelt*, mentioned in Domesday; and Mr. Watson offers no hypothesis, why it should be separately mentioned as *Crūbetonsetun* in that survey. When, however, Erringden becomes dispaled, the early deeds do not mention the names of places, but Croutonstall occurs in a deed dated 16 February 1603, and is spelt exactly in the same way, in the will of Richard Nailor of Brundackers in Erringden, the benefactor to Heptonstall church.

The purposes for which Erringden was made into a park, suggest an early "ridding," or clearing, of the land, for agricultural purposes. It is spelt *circa* A.D. 1335, *Heyrikdene* ; which, it has been suggested, means the dean or valley of the hay-ricks. It is also spelt *Earingden*, meaning the valley of the earing or ploughing. When it was found that a park was necessary, in which to preserve the deer, &c., and to grow food for them, in winter ; it is reasonable to suppose that, having the whole forest to choose from, that portion which could most readily be brought under sufficient cultivation, and yet be near to the residences of the foresters, would be selected. The former would, necessarily, be in the valley, and as the early inhabitants chose the hill sides for their residences, it may safely be supposed that the two places of Erringden and Cruttonstall supplied what was requisite for the purpose. The suitability of the former would be due to the proximity of the more ancient settlement, and the labours of the residents of the latter place.







## CHAPTER V.

### CROSTONE CHURCH.



ORIGINALLY, no doubt, the chapel of Crostone was built, during the great era of church-building, in the parish of Halifax, at the close of the fifteenth, and commencement of the sixteenth centuries. The will of Thomas Stansfeld, dated 3rd April 1537, and which is given in full elsewhere, favours the latter period. After bequeathing legacies to Sowerby church, he adds :—

“Item. I gyve to the chappell beilded at the crosse stone, in the parishe of Heptonstall, liijs. iiijd. now in the handes of William More of Heptonstall, the wiche sū I will that the sayd William More paye unto Richard Horsfall and THOMAS STANSFELD, to bye therwith one chales to the said chapell, and the chales beyng ther, to bee geven agayne to the church of Heptonstall, or els the new chales remayne ther.”

Two points in the above, infer a then recent building of the chapel. First, were it otherwise, the chapel would have been called Crostone chapel, for the use of the phrase “builded at the cross stone,” seems to imply a recollection of the building, for a chapel could not well have been there, if it had not been built. The second is the fact of the chapel not having a chalice of its own, but evidently having borrowed, or been accommodated with, a spare one from Heptonstall.

Another inference which may be drawn from the above will is, that there was not a hamlet at Crostone, the chapel being mentioned, as having been built at the cross stone. Some such hallowed association would be almost necessary, to account for its being built there ; for a more inconvenient site could hardly (in reason) be chosen, for the accommodation of the inhabitants

of Stansfield and Langfield. Erected on the heights of the former township, the inhabitants of the latter, would have to descend their hill, and, along with the bulk of the parishioners, who in both townships resided in the valleys, would have to ascend a steep hill, on the road to nowhere, except the church. There never was, as may easily be seen, a hamlet there.

Where the national school is built, close by the church, is called Priestwell, and this may point to some very early residence of a priest there, long before a chapel was built. Watson's list of the curates commences in 1650, but the following occur previous to that time, in the dates added to their names.

1592 Michaele Wilson, curate att Crostone.

1607 Lawrence Ambler, minister.

1617 Mr. Hambleton, preacher at Crostone.

1621-3 Samuel Newman, preacher at Crostone chappell.

1623 Mr. franciscus Hoolt, Sta: buried at Heptonstall 27th October.

1631-46 Jonathan Scholefield, who was chaplain at the capture of Leeds by the parliamentarians (see *True Relation*). He was also one of the ministers who "laid hands" on Oliver Heywood.

1646 William Whalley, clarke, minister of Croston chappell, who is curiously mixed up with a case of witchcraft at Heptonstall, 31st December 1646.

On the 3rd January 1590-1, John Craweshaye of Th'assenhirste in Stansfield, bequeathed xxs. towards the repairing of Crostone chapel. Margaret Mychell left iij s. iiij d. for the same purpose, 31st July 1592. Anthony Sutcliffe of Stoytheley in Langfield, in his will made 15th March 1615-6, bequeathed £6 each to the townships of Langfield, Stansfield and Heptonstall for the poor, and :—

Item. I give to the enlargeinge of the chappell xls.

John Sutcliffe of Eastwood lee in Stansfield, yeoman, on the 21st January 1623-4, after bequeathing xls each to the curates of Heptonstall and Crostone, added :—

"I give and bequeath for and towards the reparacon of Croston chappell xls."

He also left £10 and £5 to the poor of Stansfield and Langfield respectively.

The licence for baptisms and burials at Crostone, is dated 1st November 1678. This, however, led to laxity in the matter, for the curate of Crostone added marriages, and also permitted burials to take place in Todmorden churchyard, whereby the curate of Heptonstall lost his fees, and the registers were not properly entered. An injunction was therefore issued to the curate and churchwardens, dated 28th June 1682, which is entered in full in the Heptonstall registers.

The Parliamentary Survey xvij. 274, reports of Crostone chapel:—

“No maintenance. To be united to, and Heptonstall to be, the Parish Church ”

Watson states there is an endowment of the chapel of 10s. per annum, paid to the curate, for preaching a sermon there, every Whitsun Day, from a farm in Harley wood called Jumps. This must have been of the gift of the Ormerod family, as that farm has been in their possession, at any rate, since 7th July 1591, when Peter Ormeroyde made his will.

The present church is quite modern, the first stone being laid by the vicar of Halifax, 31st May 1832. It was consecrated, along with a new burial ground, 29th September 1835. It is dedicated to S. Paul. The previous erection was not old, as a faculty was granted to rebuild the old chapel, on 21st June 1717. Following the example of Heptonstall, and no doubt the usual course, the seats were assigned in 1719; and the list is given below, as furnishing a valuable account of the owners of property in the township, at that time. As explaining the title to such assignments, a legacy of one by will, may well be prefixed thereto. In his will, dated 12th January 1626-7, and proved 14th April 1634, William Eastwood of Swallowshaye in Stansfield, bequeathed to his son Simeon, and his daughter Sara:—

“ All my estate, title, clame, right, and demaunde whatsoever, which I have in Heptonstall church, in one forme or stall, which doth adioyne neare to the pulpitt, in the said church; and also in one other forme or stall, which is in the chappell at Crostone, neare adioyninge the wall, in the lower end of the said chappell, to have and to hold to them, the said Simmeon Eastwood and Sara Eastwood, and to their heires and assignes for ever.”

An account of all y<sup>e</sup> Forms, stalls, or seats, pious [pews?] being in the North side of y<sup>e</sup> Chappel at Crosstone, below y<sup>e</sup> Chancell, commonly called Stansfield side, and to whom, and to what places, y<sup>e</sup> same do properly belong, as herein and hereafter followeth, anno. Dom. 1719.

The First below the Chancel, for the Feofies.

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. William Sutcliffe for Royde.      | John Ormeroyd, Jumps.              |
| Richard Gibson, Eastwood.            | Abraham Ormeroyd for .....         |
| John Fielden, Shore.                 |                                    |
| John Eastwood for Eastwood.          | 4. William Sutcliffe for Horsfall. |
| James Gibson, Brigroyd.              | Abraham Nayler for .....           |
| William Law, Langfield.              | JONAS STANSFIELD for Shore.        |
| Stoothley in Langfield.              | John Pilling for Pawood.           |
| ABRAHAM STANSFIELD, Eastwood.        | John Barber.                       |
| Jonathan Horsfall, Castle.           |                                    |
|                                      | 5. William Sutcliff, Nalflees.     |
| 2. William Sutcliff, Upper Ashes.    | John Holden for Dike.              |
| Richard Gibson, Eastwood.            | John Sager for Intacks.            |
| John Sutcliff, Eastlee.              | Henry Greenwood, Ashen-hirst.      |
| John Taylear, Lane.                  | Jonathan Ingham, Hippram.          |
| ABRAHAM STANSFIELD, Eastwood.        | John Sutcliff, Lane.               |
| John Fielden, Shore.                 | Thomas Sutcliff for Killop.        |
|                                      | Jonathan Ingham for Birks.         |
| 3. William Sutcliffe, Beanhoylehead. | 6. William Sutcliff for Royd.      |
| Jonas Clegg, Rodwelend.              | William Barber for Houghtone,      |
| James Gibson, Brigroyd.              | William Mitchel for Hoorlaw.       |
| Richard Thomas for Heatley.          | William Sutcliffe, four parts.     |
| Abraham Nayler for Croslee.          | William Barber, a sixth part.      |
|                                      | William Michell, a sixth part.     |

The first below the pulpit adjoyning up to it.

1. William Sutcliff for Horsfall, two seats.  
 Luke Crosley for Rodwelend, one seat.  
 John Sutcliff for Eastlee, one seat.  
 John Sutcliff for Cross gap, one seat.  
 Thomas Hellewell, Greenhirsthey, one seat.
2. John Eastwood, Upper Tenement, two seats.  
 Richard Sutcliff, Whittelroyd, one seat.  
 James Gibson for Bentheads, one seat.  
 Abraham Gibson, Scout, one seat.  
 JONAS STANSFIELD, Whittonstall, one seat.

3. John Pilling, Parrockend, one seat.  
Richard Thomas, Trustee for Ridgelyate, one seat.  
William Greenwood, Mutterhole, two seats.  
Thomas Fielden, Heyhead, one seat.  
Mearcy Clegg for Holm, one seat.  

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4. William Sutcliff, Upper Ashes, one seat.  
Henry Walton for Holebottom, one seat.  
JAMES STANSFIELD, Heyhead, one seat.  
Nicholas Ogden, Crosstone, one seat.  
RICHARD STANSFIELD, Adamroyd, one seat.  
James Gibson, Ashes, one seat.  

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4. Jonathan Horsfall, Castle, one seat.  
Richard Gibson for William Sutcliffe, one seat.  
John Hellewell, Greenhirsthey, one seat.  
Abraham Nayler for Olivers, one seat.  
John Eastwood for Eastwood, one seat.  
Abraham Fielden for Kitsonroyd, one seat.  

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6. William Sutcliff, Upper Ashes, one seat.  
ABRAHAM STANSFIELD, Eastwood, one seat.  
Richard Gibson, Eastwood, one seat.  
John Taylear, Lane, one seat.  
Edward Sutcliffe, Highcoat, one seat.  
Henry ....., Fieldhirst, one seat.  

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7. William Sutcliffe, Beanhoyhead, one seat.  
Abraham Nailer, Croslee, one seat.  
John Sutcliffe, Eastlee, one close (seat ?)  
Richard Thomas, Hartley, one seat.  
JONATHAN STANSFIELD, Upper Hartley, one seat.  
John Ormeroyd for Jumps, one seat.  

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8. The Eighth below the Pulpit.  
Sarah Mitchel, Whole Law, one seat.  
Abraham Nayler, Kitsonwood, one seat.  
JONAS STANSFIELD, Lower Shore, one seat, assigned over  
to Sarah Greenwood.  
Sarah Greenwood for Croft house at Shore, one seat.  
William Sutcliffe for Rodwelhead, one seat.  
James Gibson for Crostone and Beanhoyl, two seats.

9. William Greenwood, West Ashenhirst, one seat.  
Jonathan Ingham, ....., one seat.  
Jonathan Ingham, Birks, one seat.  
John Sutcliff, Lane, one seat.  
Thomas Sutcliffe, Killop, one seat.  
John Sagar, Upper Intack, one seat.

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10. John Eastwood, Halfe Form.  
Amos Eastwood, one seat for Fearney lee.  
Luke Crosley, one seat.  
Paul Hellewell, Upper Ibbotroyd, one seat.

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11. ABRAHAM STANSFIELD, Eastwood, one seat.  
Richard Gibson, Eastwood, one seat.  
James Gibson, Hillhouse, one seat.  
William Robert, Intack, one seat.  
Henry Cockroft for Bluebell, one seat.  
Henry Greenwood, Mercerfield, one seat.

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12. Richard Gibson, Eastwood, one seat.  
Amos Eastwood, Ballinroyd, one seat.  
Luke Crosley, West Ballinroyd, one seat.  
Jonathan Crabtree, Hollinrake, one seat.  
John Fielden, Hartleyroyd, one seat.  
Henry Greenwood, Rawhey, one seat.

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13. John Eastwood, two seats for Eastwood.  
John Fielden, Hartleyroyd, three seats.  
Henry Cockroft, Lower Stiperden, one seat.

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14. Richard Gibson for William Sutcliffe, one seat.  
Luke Crosley, Rodwellend, one seat.  
Paul Hellewell, Upper Ibbotroyd, one seat.  
Thomas Hellewell, Greenhirsthey, one seat.  
Paul Hellewell, Lower Ibbotroyd, one seat.  
Joshua Fielden, Shore, one seat.

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15. Abraham Gibson, for Harleywood Land, the whole Form.

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16. Richard Thomas, Trustee for Ridgelyate, one seat.  
Henry Greenwood for Nethershays, one seat.  
GEORGE STANSFIELD for Winsley, two seats.  
Nicholas Ogden for ....., one seat.  
Edward Ogden for Leemenhall, one seat.

In a "Brief Account of many of the prosecutions of the People called Quakers in the Exchequer, Ecclesiastical and other Courts; for demands recoverable by the Acts made in the 7th and 8th years of the Reign of King William III., for the more easy recovery of Tythes, Church Rates &c.," it is said at page 165:—

"1714. William Greenwood, William Sutcliffe, Joshua Fielden, Elizabeth Sutcliffe, Abraham Fielden and Mary Barker, were prosecuted before the Commissioners for pious uses, for certain sums demanded of them, towards the maintenance of Edward Metham, Parson of Crow-stone Chapel and Vicar of Halifax. The sums demanded were of:—

	£	s.	d.
William Greenwood, for 5 years and 3 Quarters at 5s. 4d. per annum ... ..	1	10	8
William Sutcliffe, ditto at 3s. 4d. ... ..	19	2	
Joshua Fielden, ditto at 2s. 0d. ... ..	11	6	
Elizabeth Sutcliffe and Abraham Fielden, for a yearly stipend 5s. 4d., and for arrears £1. 1. 4. ... ..	1	6	8
Mary Barker, for 5 years at 3s. 6d. per ann. ... ..	17	6	

The said William Greenwood, William Sutcliffe and Joshua Fielden were committed to Rothwell Goal, on the 21st of September 1716, and were discharged thence on the 5th of October 1717.

To this book Archdeacon Hayter (afterwards in 1759 bishop of Norwich) published a pamphlet answer, entitled, "An examination of a Book lately printed by the Quakers, and by them distributed to the Members of both Houses of Parliament, entitled *A Brief Account, &c.* Printed for John and Paul Knapton, London, 1741"—in which he gives the reply of the Rev. Dr. Legh, vicar of Halifax, 22nd December 1740, giving an abridged account of the real facts of the case, viz.:—

That the accused were not charged as alleged, but were brought before a Commission of pious uses, for non-payment of amounts, charged upon the lands they held.

That Metham was never vicar of Halifax, but had been curate of Crostone chapel; who, in the beginning of February 9th Queen Anne, exhibited a complaint against Elizabeth Sutcliffe, Abraham Fielden and Maria Barker.

That an Inquisition was taken at Leeds, 8th February, under the 43rd Elizabeth, entitled An Act to redress the misemployment of Lands Goods and Stocks of Money heretofore given to charitable uses ; when twelve honest and lawful men found :—

“ It is found and doth appear, that there is and has been an antient custom, time immemorial, that the owners or occupiers of all the messuages and lands, lying in the towns of Stansfield and Langfield, did yearly and every year, pay unto the curate of Crostone chapel £20, as a stipend for reading prayers, preaching and performing other godly duties in the said chapel . . . until such time or times as persons called Quakers came and purchased estates in the same towns, and to live amongst them.

That Elizabeth Sutcliffe and Abraham Fielden had themselves purchased lands, for which part of this payment had always been made ; and that the lands occupied by Mary Barker, as tenant, always paid, until she herself became the owner.”

The Commissioners, therefore, decreed, on the 9th February, that they must pay the amount found due, with costs ; on which decree a Writ of Execution was served, tested at the court 19th February 11th Anne.

On the 30th August 1711, another Jury (under a similar Commission) at Leeds, found that the messuages and lands in Stansfield, by ancient custom paid 20 marks a year, quarterly, to the feoffees or trustees of the chapel of Crostone, for the use of the curate, and those of Langfield 20 nobles.

That William Greenwood's farm paid 5s. 4d. per annum, until he became its owner.

That Joshua Fielden's farm had paid up to the time he purchased it.

That Will: Sutcliffe's farm had paid up to the time he purchased it, as by a certain old rental, to the said jurors in evidence now showed, and other good and due proofs, and upon the oaths of diverse antient people, appears. The Commissioners, 16th January 10th Anne, decreed payment accordingly. Dr. Legh says that, though the first three are included in the Quakers' charge, the Rev. Mr. Metham forgave them all, or great part of the debt ; and that as to the other three, when the writ of execution was issued out of Chancery, 13th July 1714, they exhibited exceptions in Chancery (whither says Dr. Hayter “ They might well hope the poor curate would not be able to follow them ”), but on the 10th of February following, he put in his answer, several witnesses were



heard, and the ancient rental book put in, the 15th November 1715, before the then Lord Chancellor Couper, who over-ruled the exception, confirmed the decree, and ordered the exceptants to pay taxed costs, which are said to have been £120 additional. And it was because they refused to obey this decree, that they were sent to Rothwell Gaol until they complied therewith.

The Rev. Dr. Legh says that, except this stipend, Mr. Metham had no other certain provision, but "A poor cottage for himself and his family to live in, worth about 20s per annum, an annuity of 10s, and another of 40s, for preaching a sermon yearly at Halifax."

The Rev. John Grimshaw, who became curate of Crostone 25th January 1736, afterwards of Luddenden, Illingworth and Haworth, wrote an account of the case, as follows, in 1738:—

"Antient tradition informs us, that the chapel of Crostone was founded by one STANSFIELD of STANSFIELD HALL, who, being possessed of several messuages within the township of Stansfield, enjoined the several occupiers thereof, to make an annual contribution, in proportion to their respective farms, towards the maintenance of a Minister. After this, all other principal inhabitants in Stansfield, as also of Langfield (another hamlet within the said chapelry), agreed to advance the contributions of Mr. Stansfield's tenants, to twenty pounds per annum. Stansfield paid 20 marks, and Langfield 20 nobles, and thus it has continued time immemorial, as will hereafter appear. 'Tis also said there was a deed, which notified this agreement of the inhabitants, and specified the several sums respectively paid off each messuage. 'These contributions are supposed to have been proportioned, like their other assessments, to the value of each messuage respectively. The said Deed farther mentioned six messuages, four in Stansfield and two in Langfield, whose proprietors were to be collectors of the said annual contribution of £20, and therefore called Feoffees of Crostone chapel. The same deed, as tis supposed, was destroyed about 30 years ago, by a Dissenter, wife to one of the said feoffees, in whose custody it was lodged. 'Tis said that it was signed by some, but not by all, of the said inhabitants of Stansfield and Langfield. About 80 or 100 years ago, and since, some of the said messuages, either by purchase or descent, fell into Quakers' hands. The names of which last-mentioned messuages, with the respective sums paid for them, together with the names of the present occupiers of the same, are as follows:—

				s. d.
Carhouse—Anthony Dixon	...	3	6	<i>olim</i> Elizabeth Sutcliffe's.
Swallowshaw—John Sutcliffe	...	3	4	Son to William.
Ashenhurst—Will: Barker...	...	4	6	
Top o'th'Ashenhurst—Mary Barker	...	0	7	
Stannerly—Abraham Barker	...	3	6	Son to Mary.
William royd—James Roberts	...	0	11	
Hartleyroyd—JONATHAN STANSFIELD		1	2	
Lungfield—John Greenwood	...	5	4	Son to William.
Swinshead—John Haworth	...	2	0	<i>olim</i> Joshua Fielden's.

Then he narrates the trials, and adds—Their discharge was procured by a Church of England man, intimately acquainted with one of the prisoners. He laid down about £40 for it, which money was, in all probability, either privately put into his hands for that purpose, or afterwards repaid him. Since which time, the Curate makes distress upon their goods for nonpayment, by a warrant granted by two justices of the peace, by virtue of a late statute.

Dr. Hayter, in his pamphlet, shews that this proceeding, had nothing to do with the statute against which the Quakers complained; and observed:—

“A curate could not have been so speciously delivered out to the public as an oppressor, and accordingly he is, in the wording of the prosecution, described as being also, what he never was, vicar of Halifax. Indeed, this poor man's lot is peculiarly hard, to be traduced now he is dead, by the very people who endeavoured to wrest from him when living, by a groundless litigation, and to withhold from him, contrary to the decision of law, part of a bare subsistence for himself and his family. And as three at least, if not four, were themselves purchasers of those lands, which the piety of former owners, had charged with payments appropriated to the service of God, they must consequently have had an allowance for these payments in the purchase; and yet, because these sums were set apart for the maintenance of a curate, they could, it seems, with a quiet conscience, detain them as their own, knowing at the same time, that they paid no valuable consideration for them.”

To this pamphlet the Quakers published—“A Vindication of a Book entitled, *A Brief Account, &c.*, in answer to a late examination thereof, in defence of the clergy of the diocese of York. London, printed by T. Sowle Raylton and Luke Hinde, at the

Bible in George yard, Lombard street, 1741." They reply to the Doctor's complaint of misrepresenting the status of Mr. Metham, "This may have been a mistake, and the Examiner may excuse it, because it was but doing the Curate too much honour;" and they retaliate that the Doctor's more perfect knowledge of the clergy, may have made him a better judge than the Quakers are, for "He seems to conceive that a Vicar, being in a degree more rich and more powerful than a Curate, may be more speciously delivered out to the public as an oppressor." The Quakers in conclusion say that the three prisoners were released :—

"Without their consent, by a compassionate neighbour, who agreed the affair, by paying moneys either to the curate, or to Will: Sutcliffe of Stansfield Hall, the Curate's benefactor and supporter, in the charges of this suit, whose compassion, not the curate's lenity, had prevented the other three being sent to prison, Mary Barker being a poor widow with many children, and Elizabeth Sutcliffe and Abraham Fielding, weakly persons, likely to die in prison."

The ancient registers of Crostone church, for Stansfield and Langfield townships, are not in good preservation; but as the entries also appear in Heptonstall registers, it is not so much to the damage of archæological enquiry, as otherwise it would have been. The following are the inscriptions, within the church; and of some of the gravestones in the churchyard.

IN THE CHURCH :—On a small white marble tablet, on the wall between the easternmost and the next window, in the north aisle :—

In Memory of WILLIAM EASTWOOD, of Todmorden, Attorney at Law, who died 12th May, 1847, aged 35 years. "Multis ille bonis flebilis occidit."

Over the inscription is a shield, &c. as follows :—

ARMS : Sable, a chevron ermine, with two couple closes, or, between three swans argent (should be beaked and membered of the third, and the two in chief respecting each other, for EASTWOOD.)

CREST : On a wreath, a dexter arm embowed attired gules, turned up ermine or argent, holding — (broken).

MOTTO : HOC TENEMUS.

The Royal Arms, in the front of the west gallery, are modern.  
Over the churchwardens' pew at the west end, painted on a board:—

BENEFACTIONS CONNECTED WITH THIS CHURCH.

MRS. SALLY WALTON (Relict of AEM. WALTON of Millwood, and daughter of WM. EASTWOOD of Eastwood) who died 19<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1851, by her Will bequeathed the sum of £250 upon Trust, to apply the Interest thereof in the purchase of Bread, to be distributed every Sunday Morning after Divine Service, amongst such of the Poor Persons Inhabitants of the Township of Stansfield, as shall attend Divine Service in this Church.

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East window. Centre light:—

INSCRIPTION: Dedicated by ROBERT SHACKLETON EASTWOOD Esqr. M.A: in affectionate remembrance of SALLY WALTON his aunt, who died 19 February 1851, aged 56 years.

Northern light:—

INSCRIPTION: To the glory of God, by BARKER SUTCLIFFE, churchwarden 1876.

Southern light:—

INSCRIPTION: In memory of THE CROSSLEYS of Great House, Eastwood.

On the alms dish:—

This Alms' dish and eight collecting plates, presented to the Rev. Whiteley Mallinson M.A. Vicar, for the use of St. Paul's Church, Cross Stone, by ELIZABETH INGHAM of Hallroyd, Todmorden. Easter 1878.

Inside the altar book:—

Given to the Rev. John Lightfoot, B.A., Vicar of Cross Stone by A. G. RAMSBOTHAM. The altar cloth and cross were given at the same time by MRS. RAMSBOTHAM, MRS. JOHN FIELDEN and MRS. RICHARD RAMSBOTHAM. Easter 1883.

On brass plates, on each of two chairs within the altar rails:—

Presented to the Revd. W. Mallinson, M.A., for the use of St. Paul's Church, Cross Stone, by ELIZABETH INGHAM, Hallroyde, June 5<sup>th</sup> 1867.

IN THE CHURCHYARD:—On a gravestone at the south-east corner:—

In memory of GEORGE STANSFIELD of Stansfield Hall, who died January 1st 1832, aged 58 years. He served as a soldier in the 16th Queen's Lt. Dragoons, during the whole of the Peninsular war, and was present at the Battle of Waterloo. Also of SUSANNAH his wife, who died August 9th 1840, aged 50 years. Also of SALLY STANSFIELD, wife of JOSEPH STANSFIELD of Wellington Road, Todmorden, son of the above, who died Jany. 19th 1877, aged 59 years. Also of HANNAH their Daughter, born February 8th 1841, died March 10th 1841.

NOTE: There were some cottages near Stansfield Hall, which also were known by that name.

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Here resteth the Body of SALLY STANSFIELD, Daughter of JOHN and SALLY STANSFIELD, of Upper Ibbot Royd in Stansfield, who departed this Life the 24th day of June 1799, aged 16 years. Also the Body of HANNAH STANSFIELD, daughter of the above JOHN STANSFIELD, who departed this Life the 29th day of June 1800, aged 27 years. Also the body of ABRAHAM STANSFIELD, son of the above JOHN STANSFIELD, who departed this life the 10th day of June 1803, aged — years. Also the Body of JAMES STANSFIELD, son of the above JOHN STANSFIELD, who departed this life the 17th day of June 1810, aged 34 years. Also of SALLY, the wife of the said JOHN STANSFIELD, who departed this life Nov<sup>r</sup> 15th 1821, aged 73 years. Also of the aforesaid JOHN STANSFIELD, who departed this life June 10th 1829, aged 83 years. Also SUSANNAH TILLOTSON, Daughter of the above JOHN and SALLY STANSFIELD, who departed this life February 1st 1847, aged 66 years. Also of MARY STANSFIELD, Daughter of the above named JOHN and SALLY STANSFIELD, who died 10th of August 1858, aged 80 years.

NOTE: Upper Ibbot royd is now called Style.

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MARY STANSFIELD, July 26th 1747. ANN STANSFIELD, September 29th 1768. JAMES STANSFIELD, September 11th 1784. WILLIAM STANSFIELD, January 14th 1789. Also the Body of BETTY STANSFIELD, who died September 14th 1794. Also the Body of WILLIAM, Son of JOHN STANSFIELD, died July 15th 1803. In Memory of JOHN STANSFIELD, of Millgate, who died Dec. 10th 1879, in the 35th Year of his age.

Here lie the Remains of BETTY, the Daughter of JAMES STANSFIELD of Todmorden, who departed this life July 21st 1811, aged 17 weeks. Also of JOHN and SALLY, who died in infancy. Also of JANE his Daughter, who departed this Life March 6th 1825, aged 11 months. Also of ROBERT his Son, who departed this Life, March 23rd 1831, aged 11 years. Also of the above JAMES STANSFIELD, who departed this Life Nov. 27th 1834, aged 51 years. SARAH ANN, Daughter of WILLIAM and ANN STANSFIELD, died March 21st 1835, aged 23 weeks. Also MARY JANE, their Daughter, died August 22nd 1839, aged 13 months. Also of SARAH, Daughter of the above JAMES STANSFIELD, who died March 2nd 1844, aged 16 years. And of WILLIAM, Son of the above, who died October 28th 1845, aged 36 years. Also of SALLY, wife of the above JAMES, who died May 15th 1846, aged 60 years.

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In Memory of Miss ANN STANSFIELD, the second Daughter of Mr. JOHN STANSFIELD of Stoodley House in Stansfield, who departed this Life, the 9th day of July 1838, aged 21 years.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

"Ere sun could blight or sorrow fade,  
Death came with friendly care,  
The opening bud to heaven conveyed,  
And bid it blossom there."

Also of the above named JOHN STANSFIELD, who departed this Life Oct. 31st 1839, aged 63 years. Also of MARY, Relict of the above JOHN STANSFIELD, who died Jan. 29th 1865, aged 84 years. Also of GEORGE, their Son, who died Dec. 7th 1867, aged 53 years.

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Here lieth the Body of JAMES STANSFIELD of Stansfield Hall, who departed this Life, November 19th 1826, in the 54th year of his age. Also of BETTY his Wife, who departed this Life, October 18th 1850, aged 69 years. Also of WILLIAM his Son, who departed this Life, May 14th 1848, aged 41 years. Also of MARY, Daughter of the above, who departed this Life, December 4th 1849, aged 44 years. Also of SALLY, Daughter of the above, who departed this Life, August 30th 1850, aged 28 years. Also of ELIZA ANN STANSFIELD, died June 14th 1863, aged 17 years. ANN STANSFIELD, died Feb. 13th 1865, aged 55 years. Also of SUSAN STANSFIELD, who departed this Life at Manchester, August 7th 1876, aged 61 years.

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Here lie the Remains of GEORGE STANSFIELD, late of Eastwood, who departed this Life, July 23rd 1846, aged 91 years. Also

ANN, the wife of GEORGE STANSFIELD of Lower Birks, who departed this Life, June 3rd 1815, aged 58 years. Also of SUSAN his Daughter, who departed this life, December 4th 1825, aged 32 years.

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In Memory of WILLIAM STANSFIELD, who died May 10th 1858, aged 70 years. Also of SUSAN, wife of the said WILLIAM STANSFIELD, who died January 4th 1844, aged 56 years. Also of JOHN their Son, who died November 1st 1842, aged 28 years. Also THOMAS STANSFIELD of Sandy Gate, who died February 9th 1869, aged 60 years. Also of ANN his Daughter, who died November 9th 1878, aged 22 years.

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Here lieth the Body of JIMMY, Son of JAMES STANSFIELD of Millwood, who died January 10th 1781, in the 3rd year of his age. Also the Body of MARY his Daughter, who died October 13th 1798, in the 13th year of her age. Also the Body of the above JAMES STANSFIELD, who died April 8th 1813, aged 58 years. Also of BETTY, the wife of the said JAMES STANSFIELD, who died April 15th 1833, aged 81 years. Also ANN their Daughter, who died Feb. 22nd 1849, aged 68 years. Also of WILLIAM, Son of the above JAMES and BETTY STANSFIELD, who departed this Life, August 3rd 1854, in the 80th year of his age. Also of MARY, wife of the above WILLIAM STANSFIELD, who died February 7th 1855, in the 77th year of her age.

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In Memory of FRED, the Son of RICHARD and GRACE STANSFIELD, Iron Founder, Todmorden, who died July 19th 1850, aged 3 months. Also of the aforesaid RICHARD STANSFIELD, who died July 17th 1870, aged 53 years.

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Here lie the Remains of WILLIAM, the Son of JAMES STANSFIELD of Bridge End, who departed this Life, June 11th 1820, aged 1 year and 6 months. Also of MARY ANN his Daughter, who departed this Life, Feb 22nd 1825, aged 3 years and 11 months. Also of the above-named JAMES STANSFIELD of Swineshead Clough, born November 25th 1797, died January 19th 1876. Also of BETTY his Wife, born March 1st 1797, died April 17th 1876.

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Here lieth the Body of ABRAHAM STANSFIELD, who departed this Life, August 15th 1773. Also the Body of GEORGE STANSFIELD, who died April 26th 1795, aged 69 years. Likewise of the Body

of MARY STANSFIELD, who died March 30th 1797, aged 6 years. Also BETTY, the Wife of GEORGE STANSFIELD, who died June 26th 1810, aged 42 years. Likewise the above GEORGE STANSFIELD, who died October 16th 1814, aged 42 years. Also ABRAHAM STANSFIELD, who died September 27th 1823, aged 52 years.

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In Memory of ABRAHAM STANSFIELD of Blind Lane, who died May 7th 1855, in the 55th year of his age. Also of WILLIAM his Son, who died Oct. 19th 1870, aged 20 years. Also of MARY, Wife of the above ABRAHAM STANSFIELD, who died Feb. 14th 1876, in her 70th year.

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Here rest the Remains of GRACE, Daughter of JOHN STANSFIELD of Millwood, who died Aug. 4th 1813. Also MARY his Wife, who died July 12th 1814, aged 25 years. Also MARIA his Daughter, who died July 14th 1814. Also MARY his Daughter, who died November 26th 1815, aged 1 year. Also MARY SMITH STANSFIELD, who died Nov. 18th 1831, aged 3 years and 6 months. Also of SARAH STANSFIELD, who died Sept. 14th 1835, aged 2 years. Also of the above named JOHN STANSFIELD, who died May 23rd 1864, in his 77th year. Also of MARY his Wife, who died Dec. 27th 1871, aged 75 years.

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Here lieth the Body of JOHN STANSFIELD of Holm, who departed this Life, the 10th day of May 1733. MARY STANSFIELD, May ye 10th 1774. GEORGE STANSFIELD, May ye 20th 1774. Also the Body of JOHN STANSFIELD, who died February 7th 1803, in the 60th year of his age. Also ABRAHAM his Son, died February 3rd 1812, aged 32 years. Also ANN, the Wife of the above JOHN STANSFIELD, who died December 23rd 1815, aged 73 years. Also of JOHN STANSFIELD of Whitworth, who died August 4th 1867, aged 60 years. HANNAH, Wife of RICHARD THOMASON, who died May 10th 1873, aged 30 years. Also of SALLY, Wife of the above JOHN STANSFIELD, who died May 13th 1876, aged 68 years.

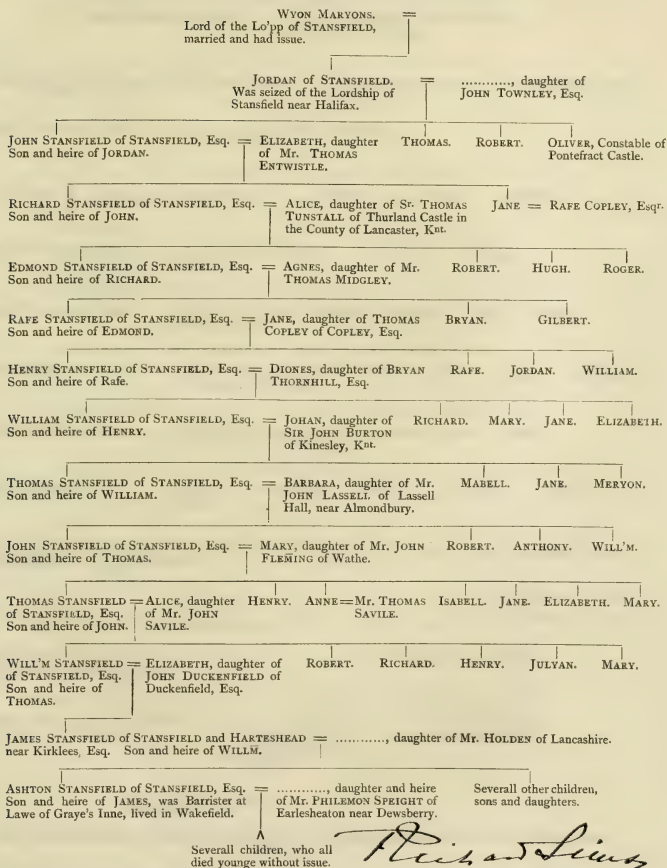
There are two or three old gravestones, known to be belonging to the Stansfeld family, but containing nothing but initials and dates. One has M.S. 1810, and another simply the date 1669, which the present clerk and sexton himself cut, whilst the original figures were visible. But other marks are illegible, which may be largely due to the fact that the stones once formed a portion of the floor of the churches, which existed previously to the present erection.



# Stansfield of Stansfield, near Halifax, in the Wapentacke of Agbrig and Morley.

From Harleian MS. 4630, folio 582 in British Museum.

Bore Sable, 3 Goats trippant, Argent.

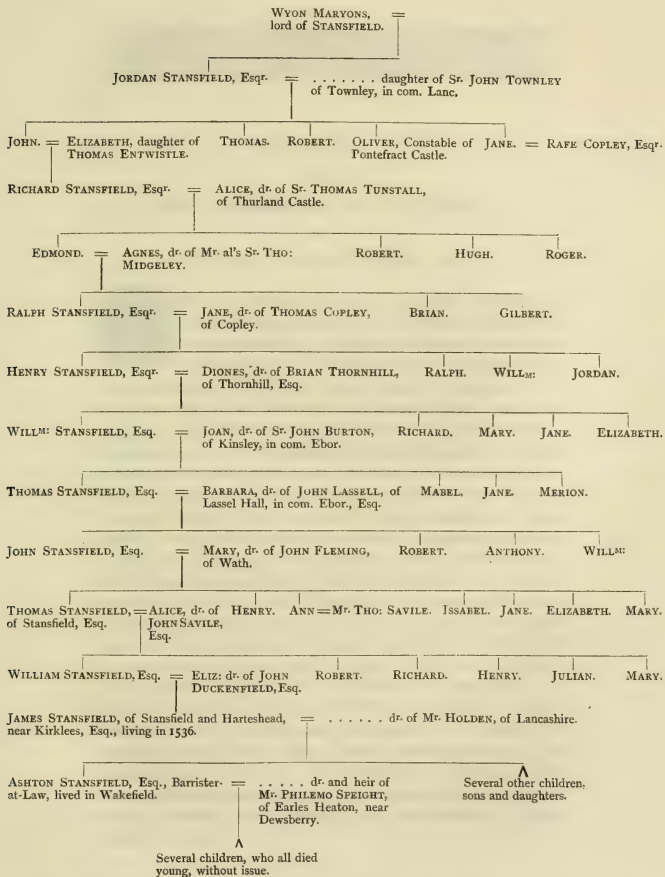


*Richard Ling*  
*Assistant*  
*British Museum*  
*A correct copy*



# Stansfield of Stansfield, near Hallifax.

Bore sable 3 goats trippant argent.



N.B.—Of this family were the STANSFIELDS of Lewis, in Sussex, who alter'd their arms to Vert, 3 goats passant argent, armed or.

From a MS. entitled "The Pedigrees and Descents of the Nobility and Gentry of the County of York, collected by the Revd. John Brooke," in the Colln. of John Charles Brooke, Somerset Herald.

[I.C.B. No. 1, p. 339<sup>B</sup>. HER: COLL.]

*Stephen Pether*  
2 May 1885 *Somerset Herald*





## CHAPTER VI.

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### THE STANSFELDS OF STANSFIELD.

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#### HERALDS' COLLEGE PEDIGREE NO. I.



HISTORIANS give but scant mention in their local works of Stansfield Hall. Dr. Whitaker states that it is situated in a very beautiful part of the valley of Todmorden. Watson says that in his days, there were no remains of antiquity, nor any dates or inscriptions ; but the north part of the house was studded, and there were some remains of the Stansfeld arms, over the mantel-piece in the hall, in plaster work. Dr. Whitaker adds that these arms were irregularly placed, along with those of Lassels, a cross fleury ; from which circumstance, he judged it probable, that it was built by Thomas Stansfeld, who married Barbara, daughter of John Lassels. But in that case, the cross fleury, a common description of the cross patonce, the true bearing of the Lassels family, should have been impaled. And although the cross may be considered but as a christian symbol, over the grave of Oliver de Stansfeld, in the Stansfeld quire of Burnley church ; yet it must not be overlooked, that Dr. Whitaker himself, describes that tomb as an ancient gravestone, well according with the era of Edward II., on which is engraved, in very bold relief, a cross fleury. If Oliver de Stansfeld, constable of Pontefract castle, bore a cross fleury, it is not unlikely that the founder or rebuilder of Stansfield Hall, with whom were contemporaneous the descendants of Oliver, in the Stansfelds of Burnley, should intermingle along with his own coat, the arms borne by a neighbouring branch of the family, and presumptively by their common ancestor.

It is matter of regret, that the deeds by which the Stansfeld family alienated Stansfeld Hall from them, are not producible ; but the date is not difficult to be ascertained. The Heptonstall register of births supplies a clue, as James, son of John Pilling of Hillhouse, was born 5th March 1653-4, and his brother Thomas, son of John Pilling of Stansfeld Hall, was born 5th July 1656. This John Pilling married Mary, daughter of George Stansfeld of Adam Royd, whose will will be found elsewhere. He sold Stansfeld Hall to Joshua Horton of Sowerby in 1675, according to Watson, who states further that the widow Pilling released her right of dower in the said hall, to Dr. Thomas Horton in 1693. Joshua Horton died in 1679, leaving three sons, Joshua, who purchased Chaderton, and was grandfather of the first baronet of the name and place ; Elkanah of Thornton Hall, barrister, who died without issue in 1729 ; and Thomas of London, M.D., who died without issue in 1694, bequeathing his estates to his eldest brother. Stansfeld Hall did not long remain in the possession of the Horton family ; for Elkanah Horton, by deed dated 29th May 1696, conveyed it to William Sutcliffe of Upper Ashes, who appears to have been a thriving and prosperous man. It remained in the Sutcliffe family, until it was bought from them by its present owner, Joshua Fielden, J.P.

Two early pedigrees of the Stansfelds of Stansfeld, are given in sheets. One is from a MS. in Heralds' College, and the other from the Harleian MS. 4630 fo. 582, in the British Museum. They are very similar, and so will be treated of together, taking each generation in the order there given.

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### I.—WYON MARYONS.

Bore, argent, three fleurs-de-lis, gules.

WYON MARYONS, lord of the lordship of Stansfeld, came from Normandy with William the Conqueror. So says Whitaker, but Watson states : " Probably of Norman extraction, and in all likelihood a follower of earl Warren, on whom this Lordship was bestowed." Burke's *Heraldic Illustrations*, plate cxviii., says of him :—

"Wyon Maryon, the descendant of a noble line in Brittany, and a companion of William the Conqueror, obtained from his Royal Master a grant of the extensive township of Stansfeld, in the co. of York, and assuming therefrom his surname, was founder of this family (Stansfeld), which has continued through an uninterrupted male course by intermarriages with many of the most ancient houses of that county, down to the present period, becoming connected in some instances with the Saviles, ancestors of the Earls of Scarborough and Mexborough, and Marquesses of Halifax; that model of an English gentleman, the celebrated John Evelyn, derived through his mother from the Stansfelds.

"The noble descent and ancient arms of the family of Maryon, namely 'Argent, three fleurs-de-lis, gules,' were confirmed by the Chamber of general reform of the nobility of France, instituted by command of Lewis XIV. to Claude Marion, Seigneur de Kerhouel, at Quimper, September 4th, 1669. The name of Kyriell appears on the Roll of Battle Abbey as that of one of the conquerors of Hastings. Robert Duke of Normandy, the Conqueror's father, in order to keep in check the people of the Pays de Dol, built in the year 1030, a castle at Cazel or Cheruel, upon the Coesnon, a river which then divided the provinces of Normandy and Brittany. This place gave the name to a family which became highly distinguished in succeeding generations on each side of the channel, in its different branches.

"The family of which we are now treating, that of Maryon, Lord of Stansfeld, was, if not in the main line, one of the younger English branches. Another and a more distinguished one retained the Seignorial name of Kyriel, and in the course of its descent, intermarried with the Norman and English noble families of Crévecoeur, Neville, Aubreville, Clifford, and Peché, acquiring itself a barony, now dormant, namely, that of de Crioles, its last male representative being Sir Thomas Kyriel, K.G., who left two co-heiresses, his daughters in 1460.

"The family, in the English as well as French descents, takes a high place in the naval and military annals of the respective countries. Kyriell, probably the common ancestor, appears on the Roll of Battle Abbey, as having fought at the battle of Hastings. Hue Kyriel was admiral of the French, Nicholas of the English fleet, in the 14th century. Yvon Cheruel, the brother in arms of Bertrand du Guesclin, took a prominent part as Champion of Brittany, in the celebrated combat anno 1351, between thirty English and thirty Breton knights, in which the former were vanquished.

Sir Hugh Calverley and Sir John Russel contending on the opposite side; and Sir Thomas Kyriel, K.G. already mentioned, after having received the thanks of his Sovereign for his eminent services in France, where he commanded the English army, supported the Yorkist party at the second battle of St Albans, immediately after which, he was beheaded by order of Queen Margaret.

"The only family of distinction bearing similar name and arms now existing in this country, apparently an offshoot from the baronial branch, is that of Kyrle of Much-Marcle, co. Hereford, represented by the Rev. William Money-Kyrle, M.A, one of whose collateral ancestors forms by no means the least truly illustrious feature in this sketch, namely John Kyrle, who has already acquired from Pope as 'THE MAN OF ROSS' a claim to immortality, which the 'boast of Heraldry' could not have achieved for him."

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## II.—JORDAN STANSFIELD.

JORDAN STANSFIELD, son of Wyon Maryons, was seized of the lordship of Stansfield near Halifax, married a daughter of John Townley Esq., *alias* Sir John Townley, of Townley, co. Lancaster, knight (who bore : Argent, a fess sable, in chief, three mullets of the second), and had issue, John, son and heir, Thomas, Robert, and Oliver, constable of Pontefract Castle. The Heralds' College pedigree adds Jane, who married Rafe Copley; but the British Museum pedigree calls her the daughter of John.

The name of Jordan was not uncommon in early times, and suggests to the mind, what was the most striking feature, in the history of the period. The preaching of the crusades attracted alike, the religious and military ardour of the nobles and their followers. This matter has already been touched upon to some extent; so it will not be necessary to add anything further, save that the name of the sacred river, would be commemorated in that of many a child of crusading fathers, who would probably, in addition, be baptised in water brought from the Jordan, for that purpose.

Jordan the son of Askelph, if he be not really the same person as this Jordan, who is here called son of Wyon Maryons



supplies another instance ; and there is hardly an old family in the neighbourhood that does not, at one time or another, boast of a Jordan in its pedigree. It is not impossible that Jordan son of Askelph, who really was lord of Stansfield, may be the same whom the Heralds call son of Wyon Maryons ; as it is evident that he must have lived at a period much posterior to the Conquest, and two or three generations, as is not unusual, may have been omitted. The Townley family, into which he married, had not then received that surname. The first Townley of Townley, was Geoffrey son of Robert the dean of Whalley, who received a grant thereof from Roger de Lacy, his father-in-law, between the years 1193-1211. And no John de Townley occurs in the pedigree, given in Foster's *County Families of England*, until A.D. 1410. Again, Oliver de Stansfeld, constable of Pontefract, occurs in the great Lacy Inquisition A.D. 1311, and is said to have survived until 23 Edward III. [1349-50], as may be seen in the pedigree of Stansfelds of Burnley, further on. The Heralds' College pedigree does not state how the manor of Stansfield left the family ; but, supposing this Jordan were the son of Askelph, the Stansfelds might have been descended from a younger son, or from that brother Helias, to whom he granted the fourth part of his inheritance in Sowerbyshire.

But if the Stansfeld family did not possess the manor, they possessed the mill and its appurtenances ; and the grant of John son of Essolf, to Roger son of Warin and to Amabella his daughter, of the mill and 12 oxgangs of land in Stansfield, must not be overlooked, in its direct reference to the early history of the Stansfeld family. At the same time, another deed, somewhat later, must be considered, in which probably the same John, or his nephew, but called Talvas, disposes to his son Thomas, of the fourth part of the town of Skircoat, which was part of Sowerbyshire, granted, unless previously alienated, by Hameline earl Warren, to Jordan son of Askelph, in which the same Jordan occurs as a witness, along with John son of Fergus de Stansfeld and others. This Jordan son of Askelph was dead in 1194.

## III.—JOHN STANSFELD.

JOHN STANSFELD of Stansfield, son and heir of Jordan, married ELIZABETH, daughter of Thomas Entwistle (who bore : Argent, on a bend engrailed sable, three mullets of the field), and had issue, Richard, son and heir, and Jane, who married Rafe Copley of Copley, Whitaker adds, *temp.* Henry I. [1100-1135]. According to Wilson's MSS. in the Leeds library, this Ralph Copley esq. was the grandson of Adam Copley, who was slain at the siege of York, under William the Conqueror, and the brother of Adam Copley, vicar of Halifax ; but the vicarage of Halifax was not instituted until A.D. 1273, and from that time, a full and perfect list of vicars is known, and there is not one of the name of Copley. And according to the same account, Robert Grossthead, the famous bishop of Lincoln, who died 8th November 1253, was descended in the fifth generation, from the above Ralph and Jane Copley. And Ralph Stansfeld of Stansfeld, great-grandson of John Stansfeld, and great nephew of Jane Copley, that is, according to the pedigree in the British Museum, married Jane, daughter of Thomas Copley of Copley, who was, according to Wilson's MSS., ninth in descent from Ralph Copley and Jane (Stansfeld) his wife. It is evident from these and other considerations, as may be seen in the accounts of the Copley family elsewhere in this work, that a much later date must be ascribed to the last-mentioned marriage.

A deed of John Talvas (of Copley) has already been mentioned, wherein occur as witnesses, Jordan son of Askelph de Thornhill, and John son of Fergus de Stansfeld, the former of which was dead in 1194. It is not improbable, that this is the John Stansfeld who heads this section ; but even then, of course, he could not have been the brother of Oliver de Stansfeld, constable of Pontefract castle, mentioned in 1311 and 1350. But there are several mentions of a John de Stansfeld, who had a son Richard, who would be contemporary with Oliver de Stansfeld.

In a convention between Thomas de Thornewton and Henry de Risheworthe. dated 1288, relating to the fourth part of the town of Barkisland, the following occur as witnesses :—Hugh de Eland.

John de Lascye, JOHN DE STANSFELD, Richard de Eccisley, William his son, Hugh son of Matthew de Northland, and John de Emyrhead.

In another deed, of Henry son of Richard de Hiperum, lord of Hiperum, to Thomas de Tothill, of certain rents there, from tenants named in another deed dated 1298, the witnesses named are Hugh de Eland, Sir John de Heaton knight, John de Lacy de Cromwelbothom, JOHN DE STANSFELD, Henry de Rishworth and John del Rode.

In another deed, from Richard son of Richard de Hiperum, to John de Tothill, the same witnesses occur, Hugh de Eland being called Sir, and Sir William de Clifton, knight, being substituted for John del Rode. The same witnesses occur in another deed to the same party.

In a chirograph of convention between Henry de Hiperum and John de Totehill, the witnesses are Sir Hugh de Eland, Thomas de Copley, John de Lacy, Richard de Cromwelbothom, and JOHN DE STANSFELD.

Amongst some copies of court rolls copied by Watson at Okes in Rishworth, Robert de Wrenthorp leased for 16 years to Thomas de Totehill, Overhage and Netherhage, under date 31 Edward [1302-3]; witnesses, Sir Hugh de Eland, John de Lacy, Thomas Talvas of Fekisby, John del Rode of Hiperum (Hipperholme), John de Percy (?), JOHN DE STANSFELD, Henry son of William de Eland, and John de Scoles of the same.

In a deed, dated the feast of the natale of S. John the Baptist (29th August) 1313, between Henry son of Richard de Hiperum, and Robert his son and heir, the following are witnesses, John de Thornhill, JOHN DE STANESFELD, John de Quermeby, John Scot de Calvirley, Richard de Tonge, and Elias de Birton.

JOHN DE STANSFELD, Richard del Dene, William de Sothill senior, William de Sothill junior, Richard de Rediker, and Richard Scissor were witnesses to a deed dated 1301, from Thomas the clerk of Waddesworth, to John Culpon, of certain places, to hold of Richard de Waddesworth by the payment of 2s 10d &c:

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#### IV.—RICHARD STANSFIELD.

RICHARD STANSFIELD of Stansfield, son of John, married ALICE, daughter of Sir Thomas Tunstall of Thurland Castle, county Lancaster, knight (who bore: Sable, three combs argent, two and one), and had issue, Edmond son and heir,

Robert, Hugh and Roger. Plantaginet-Harrison's *History of Yorkshire*, vol. I. p. 300-1, gives a pedigree of the Tunstall family, by which it appears that the builder of Thurland castle, was Sir Thomas Tunstall, knight, who along with two of his sons, fought at the battle of Agincourt in 1415. He obtained licence of the king to embattle, fortify and make a castle of his manor-house at Thurland, 5 Henry IV. [1403-4]. Both his father and grandfather were called Thomas, the former being also a knight. Just as in the last generation, there were instances given, evidently of two John Stansfelds, so Richard Stansfeld occurs in ancient deeds, in two widely different periods, suggesting that instead of two generations, there should have been written four. The following are the instances referred to:—

Richard de Waddesworthe senior, RICHARD son of JOHN DE STANSFELD, Richard del Rediker, Thomas de Langfeld, William de Stodley and William de Sothill senior were witnesses to a deed of Otonis de Dynyle (Ryvyle?) to William de Sothill junior, of certain lands &c: at Heghhurst and Swithen cliff, and certain rents, amounting to 5/6, out of Brodbothom, dated 1305.

Know ye that I Otto de (Rivill?) have given to RICHARD DE STANSFELD for his homage and service, one oxgang of land in Waddesworth, to wit, that which Richard Talvas sometime held, and lies in the field of Waddesworth and in Crimlishworth. To have and to hold &c. *Harleian MS.* 797, AA. 138.

In the court roll at Wakefield, 16th Edward I. [1287-8] is recorded:—

Alanus filius Ric. Talvas captus fuit et imprisonatus pro sex garbis Avenæ q: recepit de Will. del Hirst se invito dicens quod ipse Will. si tenebatur in eisdem quia servavit bladum suum noct. de Bestiis silvestribus &c. eodem anno.

[Translation.]

Alan, son of Richard Talvas, was taken and imprisoned, for six sheaves of oats, which he took from William del Hirst against his will, alleging that the said William owed him the same, because he protected his corn in the night, from the wild beasts.

The other mentions of a Richard Stansfeld, seem to be of an earlier date. The deed has already been quoted under Stansfeld township, whereby Jordan son of John Talvas, gave to Hugh de Copley, son of Thomas Talvas his brother, the

fourth part of Copley miln &c: the witnesses being Peter de Alta Ripa, Robert de Flaynesburgh, John de Thornhill, Henry de Hiperum, Hugh de Rastrick, Michael Talvas, RICHARD DE STANSFELD and William de Laval. It is not likely, however, that it was the same Hugh Talvas, who gave to Richard (de Heton), vicar of Halifax, the manor of Copley in 1363, as the witnesses to the above deed occur much earlier, *e.g.* Hugh de Rastrick *circa* 1257, Michael Talvas about the same, both being associated as witnesses in a deed of about that date, along with Sir John de Thornhill, Sir John de Heton, Sir John Fleming (Flandrensi), John de Eland, Henry de Hiperum, John de Lascy, John Clerk, and Thomas de Norland.

In a charter of William son of Richard de Hiperum, to Henry son of Henry de Coppeley, which is undated, but a sum of ten shillings is mentioned therein, to be paid before the feast of the Assumption B.V.M. Anno Grat: 1260, occur as witnesses, John de Eland, RICHARD DE STANSFELD, Richard de Hiperum, Peter de Northcliffe, John son of Helye the Harper (cythariste), and Adam the Clerk the writer hereof.

William de Enay (and Ennalie), John de Lacye, William de Ekesley, Alan de Fykesby, and RICHARD DE STANSFELD witness a deed of Peter de Tothill, to John son of Mathew his kinsman. The first three occur in a deed *circa* 1257, along with John de Eland, Henry de Hiperum, Michael Talvas, William de Trimmingham, Hugh son of Jervis de Heton, and Richard de Toythill.

During the turbulent reign of Henry III., the crown revenues had been much diminished, by the tenants in capite alienating lands without license; and other encroachments had been made, to the injury of the crown. One of the first acts of Edward I., on his accession to the throne, was to enquire into these abuses; and the Hundred Rolls, as they are called, afford evidence, upon the oath of a jury of each Hundred and town in every county, in the 4th year of his reign [1275-6] upon the several (twelve) queries, which were placed before them. See Sim's *Manual for the Genealogist, &c.*, pp. 104-6. In the county of York, and wapentake of Morley, the jury's report is entered, in reply to the question as to the exactions of sheriffs, escheators, &c.

Dicunt &c. q<sup>d</sup> Ric de Haydon senescallus com: Warren: occasionavit maliciose Ric: de Stanesfelde et imposuit ei q<sup>d</sup> hospitasset quemdam felonē et extorsit d: dco: Ric: x m:

[Translation.]

They say also that Richard de Haydon, steward of the earl Warren, maliciously hindered RICHARD DE STANSFELD, and charged him with harbouring a certain felon, and extorted from the said Richard 10 marks.

In reply to the question as to the debts owing to the king, &c:

Item dicunt q<sup>d</sup> Johes de Rafnesfeld cepit de JOHE: fil. ELYE. DE STANSFELD di. m. de debito dni. R.H. et nō eum aq̄etavit et it'um di. m. et non eum aq̄etavit et it'um vjs et vjd et eum inde non aq̄etavit. Dicunt et q<sup>d</sup> idem Johes. de Rafnesfeld cepit de Johe. de Haldeworth di m. de debito dni. R.H. et it'um di. m. et adhuc eum non aq̄etavit. Dicunt et q<sup>d</sup> Wills: de Wetel cep. de Rico. le Vavas' p'sona de Mirfeld j. m. de debito dni. R.H. et non eum aq̄etavit.

[Translation.]

They say that John de Rafnesfeld took of JOHN son of ELIAS DE STANSFELD, half a mark of the debt of the lord the king Henry, and did not acquit him; and again half a mark, and did not acquit him; and again 6s. 6d. and did not acquit him thereof. They say also, that the same John de Rafnesfeld took of John de Haldeworth, half a mark of the debt of the lord the king Henry, and again half a mark, and still did not acquit him. They say also that William de Wetel took of Richard le Vavasour, parson of Mirfield, one mark of the debt of the lord the king Henry, and did not acquit him.

In a deed, undated, of Thomas franciscus son of John de Waddesworth, to Helias de Brodebothom, the witnesses are RICHARD DE STANSFELD, William the Clerk of Langfield, HELIAS son of ROGER DE STANSFELD, Adam de Waddesworth, Adam de Rediker and (Michael?) Talvas.

In another deed from William son of Adam de Birkinsayhe, to William son of John de Mankanholis, occur as witnesses, RICHARD DE STANSFELD, JOHN his son, Thomas de Langfeld, William de Stodley, Henry de Stodley, and William Canatore de Stansfeld.

There are two deeds in which this last mentioned witness occurs, whereby "John Sotehill knight, gave to BEATRIX, some-ty m wiffe of ADAM sonne of WILLIAM DE STANSFELD, all that porcon of land in Stansfeld w<sup>ch</sup> William Carnator released unto him, as it lyeth betweene Greenhyrst &c."

Sir John de Sotehill, knight, lived in the time of Henry III., and his son Henry granted 9 acres of land in Ovenden to Thomas de Thornhill and Margaret his wife 25th January, 1313.

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#### V.—EDMOND STANSFIELD.

EDMOND STANSFIELD of Stansfield, son and heir of Richard, married AGNES, daughter of Mr. alias Sir Thomas Midgley (who bore: Sable, two bars gemelles, or; on a chief of the second, three catharine wheels of the first). The Harleian MS. says the former only. They had issue, Ralph, son and heir, Bryan and Gilbert. There is no pedigree of the Midgley family, which goes so far back as the time of the above marriage, nor indeed does the name often occur so early. A John de Midgley occurs in a deed undated, of Agnes at the Gate of Northowram, to John de Tothill, along with Hugh de Eland, John de Lacy, Henry de Rishworth, Thomas de Copley, and John de Haldworth. The records, too, are singularly silent as to Edmond Stansfeld, his name not occurring once in the large number of deeds, from which this work is composed. As there are many mentions of the family during this period, this seems remarkable, and suggests a misnomer.

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#### VI.—RALPH STANSFIELD.

RALPH or RAFE STANSFIELD of Stansfield, son and heir of Edmond, married JANE, daughter of Thomas Copley of Copley (who bore: Argent, a cross moline, sable), and had issue, Henry, son and heir, Ralph, William and Jordan. The Harleian MS. gives the younger sons as Rafe, Jordan and William. The Wakefield court rolls record that at the Turn at Halifax, on the feast of S. Edmund, 1 Edward II. [1307-8], Richard son of Ralph Stansfeld, was amerced for non-attendance. Further information relating to a Ralph de Stansfeld, which can hardly be the same, is published by the Public Record Commissioners in volume 1 of *Rotulorum Patientium et Clausorum Cancellariæ Hiberniæ*, claus, 32 Edward III. [1358], paragraph 2, p. 41.

R. Majori et ball'is civit. Dub. (recit. se concessisse RAD'O DE STANESFELD q<sup>d</sup> ip's 20 dolia vini ad Angl., tam ad opus Hen. ducis Lanc. q<sup>m</sup> ad comōdū suū, ducē possit); mand. q<sup>d</sup> p'mit. Kilmehallock, 28 Maij.

[Translation.]

The king to the mayor and bailiffs of the city of Dublin (reciting that he had granted to RALPH DE STANESFELD, that he might bring 20 casks of wine to England, as well for the use of Henry, duke of Lancaster, as for his own convenience). Permission given. Kilmehallock 28th May.

R licenc. dedit RADO. DE STANFIELD q<sup>d</sup> ip'e 600 quartia blador' et 20 dolia allecin' piscis saliti in Hib (ernere) et in Navib' carcare et ad Angl. duce possit, ad com'odu suū Westm'. 28 Nov. An. 30. Et quia idē Rad'us invenit Ada de Lovestok civē Dub. Petrū de Wakefeld, Tho. de Quykeshull et Pet. de Okebourne Pleg. suos q<sup>d</sup> p'dcā nusq'm alibi q<sup>m</sup> ad d'cas ptes ducet, mand'. Vic Dub' q<sup>d</sup> dcām Rad' ea carcare &c. P'mittat Dub. 28 Dec.

[Translation.]

The king gave licence to RALPH DE STANFIELD, that he may buy 600 quarters of corn, and 20 casks of salt herrings in Ireland, and load them in ships, and bring them to England, for his convenience. Westminster, 28 November 30th year. And because the same Ralph found Adam de Lovestok, citizen of Dublin, Peter de Wakefeld, Thomas de Quykeshull and Peter de Okebourne, his pledges, that he should bring the aforesaid, nowhere elsewhere than to the said parts, it is ordered to the sheriff of Dublin that he should permit the said Ralph to load the same &c. Dublin 28 December.

There is still another Ralph de Stansfeld, who occurs in deeds, &c., dating from 1402 to 1439. It is with this last, that the marriage with Jane Copley would be most likely. In the British Museum, *Cottonian MSS. Vespasian F xv. fol. 305b*, is the following :—

Rental de Hemptonstall (Heptonstall) fact. et renovat. p. tenent. apud Halifax xvj<sup>mo</sup> die Decembr. ann. Hen. sexto post conq. xvij [1439] temp. Johis. Vyncent p'catoris p'oris de lewes in p'tibus Ebor.

JOH'NA uxor RADULPHI DE STANCEFELDE tenet t'ras et ten. in Hemptonstall et redd p' ann. viijd.

Eadem Joh'na tenet una p'cell t're nup. capt. de vasto et redd per ann. vd.



The pedigree of the Copley family, in Wilson's MSS. in the Leeds library, states that Jane, who married Ralph Stansfeld of Stansfeld, was daughter of Thomas Copley of Batley, younger son of Richard Copley, and grandson of Adam Copley, who married the heiress of the Oxenhopes. This last-named, being himself the son of Ralph Copley, by the daughter and heiress of Adam de Batley, was designated by the three surnames of de Copley, de Batley, and de Oxenhope. This last tri-surnamed Adam founded a chantry in an oratory, recently erected by him in the church of Batley, and by charter, bearing date 18th October 1334, endowed it, the witnesses being Sir John de Eland, Sir Brian de Thornhill, Adam de Hoperton, John de Calverley, and others. The objects of the chantry are stated to be :—

“ Pro anima mea et anima Marjoriæ, uxoris meæ, Willelmi de Coppeley, Johannis, Willelmi, Thomæ fratrum, et animabus domini Johannis de Thornhill, Briani filii ejus, Thomæ de Thornton et Elenæ uxoris ejus, Johannis de Manyngam et animabus fratrum, sororem, parentum, et omnium benefactorum meorum.”

He died in 1337. Sir Richard Copley of Batley, brother of Thomas the father of Jane, who married Ralph Stansfeld, died *circa* 1434 ; so that the Johanna (Jane) wife of Ralph de Stansfeld, named in the Lewes rental 1439, might have been, so far as the date is concerned, his niece. The pedigrees state that her father was Thomas Copley of Copley. This could not well be, for the last Thomas Copley of Copley, was son of Hugh, who was living in 1363 and 1378. He married Johanna, daughter of Thomas de Kighley, 1363, and left an only daughter and heiress, Helena, who married Henry Savile ; and the deed settling the Copley estate upon the three sons of this last marriage, John, William, and Thomas Savile, is dated 1402-3. It is evident that, although there was a Ralph de Stansfeld contemporary with Thomas de Copley, yet it is certain that the latter had but one daughter, from whom were descended the Saviles of Copley, and the earls of Mexborough. Ralph Stansfeld's name is by no means infrequent in early deeds and records :—

1403. May 7. At the Turn at Halifax, RALPH DE STANCESFELD was amerced for drawing blood from William Hare.
1403. A deed of Robert Mathewson de Illingworth, to Richard Harrison de Rotonstall, of land, &c., near ffallandrode, is witnessed by RANDULFE DE STANSFELD, Ric. de Waddesworth, Thomas del Scha, Henry de Cokroft, Randolfe Draper and others.
1415. May 15. William le Drapour, chaplain, granted to Thomas Drapour, his brother, certain lands &c. which he had of the feoffment of John Drapour his brother. Witnesses, RAD'US DE STANSFELD, Henry Savell de Coppeley, Thomas del Schagh, Henry del Brigg and Richard de Wadsworth.
- 1429-30. John Rawlyn, Drapur, quitclaimed to Thomas Drapur, his inheritance in Brodebothom, Burlees &c. in Waddesworth. Witnesses, Hugh de Kyghley, RADOLPHUS DE STANSFELDE, JOHN DE STANSFELDE and others.
1429. October 28. Robert de Crosselegh de Stansfeld granted to RALPH DE STANSFELD, Thomas de Schagh, Robert de Southcliff and Richard de Schagh, a messuage &c. in Waddesworth called Brodebothom and Myllyncroft. Witnesses, Robert de Pykynghthon, JOHN DE STANSFELD, and William de Schagh.
1429. October 28. The above grantees appoint NICHOLAS DE STANSFELD and John de Schagh, their attornies in the above trust. Witnesses also the same.
1428. October 1. John Kyng, vicar of Halyfax, Henry Sayvell de Coppelay, JOHN DE STANSFELD son of RALPH DE STANSFELD and John Mylner de Braddelay, appointed Ralph Smyth de Stansfeld, their attorney in the above estate. Witnesses, John de Ryssheworth, William Otes de Halyfax, and Richard Lyster of the same.

The last seems to have been a previous trust, and the former of the preceding two deeds, a conveyance to new trustees; and as it is not likely that a son would appoint his father under such circumstances, these deeds suggest three generations, Ralph, son of John, son of Ralph de Stansfeld. Ralph and John Stansfeld also occur together in deeds, dated 1430 and 1437.

1416. October 5. Halifax Turn. The panel present RALPH STANSFELD, JOHN STANSFELD, JOHN son of RALPH STANSFELD, and R—(torn) STANSFELD, for making, at Halifax. on the

27th August, 4th Henry V. [1416], an assault upon Richard Horneclif and Thomas Horneclif, shooting at them and drawing blood from the same Richard, and making a great affray. They are ordered to be attached.

1440-1. In Heralds' College CCI. *Claus 19 H 6. m 36.*

Ws Metholey et Joh'es Metholey filij Tho. de Metholey arm' et Elenæ ux. suæ, filia Joh'is de Wodehede, remisit JOH'I DE STANSFELD filii RAD'I DE STANSFELD ar' via t'ras et tenta. sua in villa et territorio de Herteshede et Lyvrsege.

This is the earliest mention of Hartishead in connection with the family, and this is probably the "John Stansfield of Stansfield in co. Ebor. Esqr" with whom the Heralds' College pedigree No. vi. commences. A coincidence of date in another deed, would seem to suggest that Ralph Stansfeld died *circa* 1440; the fact of his wife, although not called a widow, paying rent to the priory of Lewes, also confirms the supposition.

1440. June 26. Thomas Sayvyll de Thornyll armig. and Mergareta his wife, sold to Richard Waddesworth senior, a certain place in Wadsworth, between the lands of John Stone on the east, the River Calder on the south *et terras Hered. de Stansfeld ex occidentali*, and the common pasture of Luddenden on the north. Witnesses, Richard de Fyrthe and Henry de Southclif.

William Stansfeld, probably the son of Ralph, occurs in a deed :—

1442. 20th August 23rd Henry VI. John Metholey to John Cokcrofte, land called Holstones and Gunnylcroft, near Burleghe, Heghhyrst, Nutclough and Hawker in Wadsworth. Witnesses, WILLIAM STANSFELD, EDWARD STANSFELD, William Brygs, John Brygs, and Richard Brygs.

The following two deeds copied in Heralds' College, evidently refer to the same William Stansfeld.

1430. Sciant p'sentes &c. ego Joh'es Tonge armiger dedi &c. Joh'i Dove, Rob'to Arthyngton, and Will'o STANSFELD om'ia terras &c. in Tonge, Grymesthorp, Collyng in Ayredale, Oulecotes, Tyresall, Shagh, Hulme, Rycroft and Sculbruke, h'end et tenend' &c. In cujus rei &c. Hijs testib' &c. Waltero de Calverlay, Joh'e Passelew, Will'o Myrfield &c. Armigris. Dat'. 25th July 8 H. VI. [1430].

1430. Omib<sup>s</sup> &c. John Dove, Capell's, Rob'tus Arthyngton and WILL'm's STANSFELD, sal't'm &c. Nov'itis nos dimississe &c. Joh'i Tonge Armigro om'ia terras &c in Collying in Ayrdale quo huim. &c ex dono &c. pdci Joh'is Tonge. Hend: &c. ad terminu vite sue &c. et qd. post mortem Joh'is Tonge omia pdca. terre &c. remaneant Hugoni fratri pdci Joh'is Tonge ad t'rminu vite sue et qd. post mortem pdci Hugonis omia pdca &c. remaneant Johi filio Johis Arthyngton de Arthyngton et Margarete filie pdci Hugonis et heredib<sup>s</sup> dce Margarete &c. et si contingat pdcam Johem &c. sine exitu &c. pcreat obire tunc &c. remaneant pdce Margarete &c. et si contingat pdcam Margaretam sine pede de corpore suo &c. tunc &c. remaneant etc. he'dibus dci Hugonis &c. Et si contingat &c. remaneant Johi Roos filio Agnetis ux'is pdci Johis Tonge et he'dibus de corpore suo &c. et si contingat &c. remaneant Robto Passelewe de Ledes filio Radulphi Passelewe H'end &c. &c.

Dat' penultimo die mens July 8 H: vi. [1430]

(N.B.—At page 269 of this MS. there occurs a second copy of this deed.)

Transcript. From the original (W.C. 49, pp. 252 and 269) in the Heralds' College, London.

*Stephen Foster*  
*2 May 1885* *London West Hill*

## VII.—HENRY STANSFIELD.

HENRY STANSFIELD of Stansfield, son and heir of Ralph, married DIONES, daughter of Brian Thornhill of Thornhill, Esquire (who bore: Gules, two bars gemelles and a chief, argent). They had issue, William, son and heir, Richard, Mary, Jane and Elizabeth. The marriage of this member of the family, with a daughter of the house, which owned the manor of Stansfield, should decisively fix the period in which he lived. It is worthy of note, however, that the British Museum pedigree

omits the words "of Thornhill"; and this omission owes its significance, to the fact that the last Thornhill of Thornhill was Sir Simon, who died 43 Edward III. [1369-70], whose daughter and heiress married Henry Savile, from whom are descended the Saviles of Thornhill, and the earls of Scarborough. From a younger brother, Thomas Thornhill, whose son, Richard, married the heiress of the Toothills of Fixby, are descended the Thornhills of Fixby. It was the grandson of this Richard, namely Bryan Thornhill of Fixby and Toothill, who died in March 1484-5, whose daughter married Henry Stansfeld. Foster's *Yorkshire Pedigrees* says William Stansfeld, following Thoresby's *Ducatus* p. 115 and Watson's *History of Halifax* p. 192; but this is evidently a mistake, for Dodsworth's MS. records:—

1493. Jone de Stansfeld relict of Henry de Stansfeld gave to John de Nottingham her cosin all her lands and ten<sup>ts</sup> in Rastrick, Fekysby and Linley. 10th December 9th Henry VII. [1493].  
*British Museum, Harleian MSS., 797 AA 140a.*

And amongst the deeds at Fixby, Watson copied a quitclaim by John Nottingham, to Nich. Savile, of all right in a messuage lands, &c. in the graveship of Rastrick, or in the vills of Fekisby, Totehill, Linley, hamlet de Stayneland or elsewhere, witnesses, John Thornhill esq. John Hanson, Gilbert Clay, chaplain, &c. 15th May 20th Henry VII. [1505].

#### VIII.—WILLIAM STANSFIELD.

WILLIAM STANSFIELD son and heir of Henry, married JOANE, daughter of Sir John Burton of Kinesley, co. York, knight (who bore: Argent, a bend wavy, sable). They had issue, Thomas, son and heir, Mable, Jane, and Merion. Hunter's *Doncaster*, vol. ij. p. 434, gives a pedigree of the Burtons of Kinesley, since 1390, when a branch of the Burtons of Burton in Leicestershire settled there. By this it appears that Sir John Burton, knight, died 22nd November, 29th Henry VIII. [1537]. But this is much too recent, for the position which this William Stansfeld holds, in the pedigree of

the family. And the deeds quoted below, mention the name of his wife, viz: Maud, the daughter of Thomas Culpon of Sowerby, and sister of John Culpon who died in 1370, without issue, leaving five sisters and coheireses.

1353. In a deed dated 1353, whereby John son of Thomas de Lascy, gives to John de Bollyng, Elias de Burton and John de Crosse-land, chaplain, his manor of Cromwelbothom, occur as witnesses, Sir Brian de Thornhill, Sir Henry de Sothill, knights, William de Mirfield, John Sayvell de Eland, Robert de Bollyng, William de Leventhorp, WILLIAM DE STANSFELD, and Hugh de Coppelay.
1362. A turn was held at Halifax, 18th May 36 Edward III, whereat it was found by an inquisition, consisting of WILLIAM DE STANSFELD, Hugh de Copley, Thomas Culpon, John de Godley, Thomas de Northland, John del Shore, William de Tayllewas, John del Seme (Dene?), Thomas de Feld, William de Oldfeld, William Son of Thomas de Grenewod, and William de Croskloughe, that the Prior of Lewes and Parson of Halifax, ought to receive, at the charge of the said Prior, the Lord's servants upon their coming to hold the Lord's turns at Halifax, and entertain them in the Rectory there. And of this, the Lord was seized, time out of memory, until a certain Hugh de Totehill, procurator of the Rectory, retracted the "hospitium" of the Prior, and so had it been retracted, twelve years with heavy loss. *Dodsworth's MSS. vol 58, folio 19, in the Bodleian Library, Oxford.*
1363. John Savile of Eland, Henry Savile, John de Lacy, WILLIAM DE STANSFELD and Thomas Culpon, witnessed the deed whereby Hugh Talvas gave to Richard [de Heton] vicar of Halifax, the manor of Copley in 1363.
1370. *From Harleian MSS. 797, AA 140b.* 44th Edward III. John the son of Thomas Culpon, dyed seized of three messuages and sixty acres of land and meadow in Sowerby, and MAUD the wife of WILLIAM STANSFELD, Jone the wife of William de Silkeston, Margaret the wife of Robert Priestley, Katerine Culpon and Alice Culpon are sisters and coheirs of John, and paid a fine of xiijs. iiijd.

It was during this time, that the Poll Tax was levied, 2nd Richard II. [1378-9]. The returns of the collectors for the West Riding, are published in *The Yorkshire Archæological and Topographical Journal*, vol. vj, and as that work is not generally

accessible, the whole of the subsidy for the township of Stansfeld is given below, as well for a sample of the whole, as for the reference it has to the particular object of this work.

ROTULI COLLECTORUM SUBSIDII REGI A LAICIS ANNO SECUNDO  
CONCESSI IN WESTRYTHYNGO IN COMITATU EBORACI.

WAPPENTAGIUM DE MORLAY. STANSFELD.

<i>Marchaunt</i> }		Johannes de Schore et vx. xijd.	
		Willelmus de Stansfeld et vx. xijd.	
	d.		d.
Johannes de Estwode et vx.	iiij.	Matilda Herlay. (Hertlay?)	iiij.
Adam de Schore et vx.	iiij.	Elena Crossle.	iiij.
Ricardus de Herkelslay et vx.	iiij.	Johannes Horneclif'.	iiij.
Willelmus Herklay et vx.	iiij.	Margareta Turnour.	iiij.
Willelmus filius Ricardi et vx.	iiij.	Willelmus Herlay. (Hertlay?)	iiij.
Thomas Pendaunt et vx.	iiij.	Magota Coke.	iiij.
Thomas Crosseleys et vx.	iiij.	Matilda Turnour.	iiij.
Johannes Crosles et vx.	iiij.	Johannes filius Petri.	iiij.
Willelmus Spenser et vx.	iiij.	Robertus Mydop. (Wydop?)	iiij.
Willelmus Mokocson et vx.	iiij.	Johannes Holmerake.	
Johannes Vtlay et vx.	iiij.	(Hollinrake?)	iiij.
Rogerus Turnour et vx.	iiij.	Johannes Gibson'	iiij.
Willelmus filius Ade et vx.	iiij.	Margeria del More.	iiij.
Adam Wright' et vx.	iiij.	Willelmus Estwode.	iiij.
Ricardus Grenehirst et vx.	iiij.	Willelmus filius Henrici.	iiij.
Rogerus de Estwode et vx.	iiij.	Johanna Grenehirst.	iiij.
Henricus Dobson' et vx.	iiij.	Johanna Harper'.	iiij.
Ricardus Harper et vx.	iiij.	Elena Harper'.	iiij.
Ricardus filius Willelmi et vx.	iiij.	Ricardus del Horesfall'.	iiij.
Johannes seruiens Johannis	iiij.	Cecilia Estwode.	iiij.
Agnes de Corbrygh'	iiij.	Isabella Croslee.	iiij.

Summa—xvs. viijd.

A Robert de Stansfeld occurs as witness, during the same period, in a quit-claim by Henry, son of Adam Wylleson of Skamenden, vill. de Quermeby, to Roger del Clay, of certain lands in Greetland and Stainland. The other witnesses are John de Leek de Colby, Henry son of Robert de Barkysland, Roger de Stanclyff and Ralph de Halyfax. Dated at Cleby in co. Leicester, 45 Edward III. [1371].

## IX.—THOMAS STANSFIELD.

THOMAS STANSFIELD son and heir of William, married BARBARA, daughter of John Lassell, of Lassell Hall, Almondbury, co. York, and had issue, John, son and heir, Robert, Anthony, and William. He is called of Stansfeld Hall in Whitaker's pedigree, as it is inferred he built it, because a cross flory said to be the arms of Lassells, occurred along with the Stansfeld arms, but not impaled, in some plaster work over the fire place, in one of the rooms there. John Stansfeld his son and heir, is said to have married in 1410, so by that, his marriage with Barbara Lassells would occur about 1385. But the records yet consulted, are singularly silent about that date, which certainly follows that of William de Stansfeld, who appears in the poll tax. But another William occurs, who *may* be the youngest son of Thomas Stansfeld above-mentioned.

1399. Turn at Brighthouse, 22nd April 22nd Richard II. WILLIAM STANSFELD was amerced, on the presentation of the constable of Hipperholme, for drawing blood.
1401. Turn at Brighthouse, 18th October, 3 Henry IV. Hipperholme. WILLIAM DE STANCESFELD's wife amerced for brewing.
1404. WILLIAM DE STANCESFELD, constable of Hipperholme.
1406. 6th October, 8th Henry IV. Brighthouse Turn. WILLIAM DE STANCESFELD, near Hipperholme, amerced for brewing an helpale.

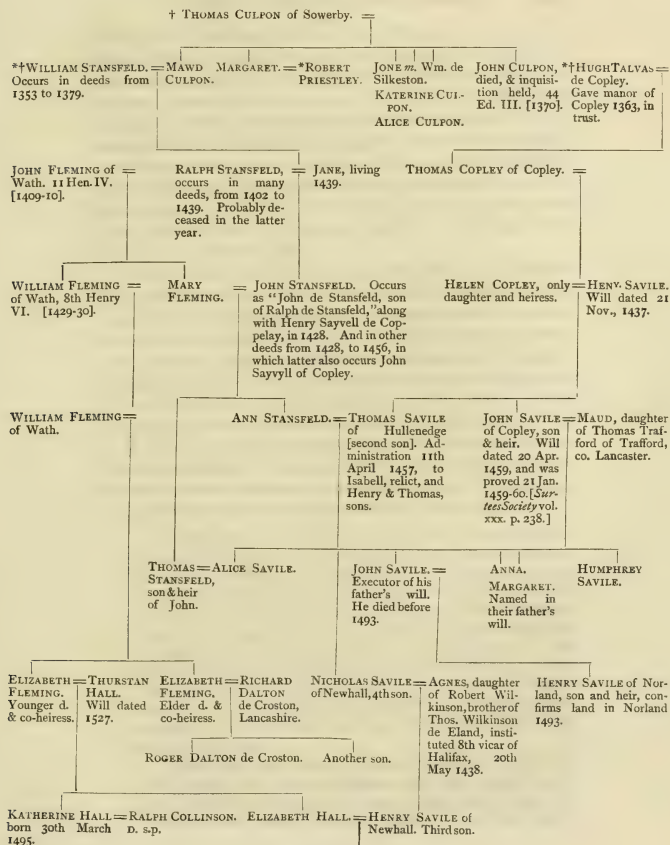
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X.—JOHN STANSFIELD.

JOHN STANSFIELD, son and heir of Thomas Stansfeld, married MARY, daughter of John Fleming of Wath. Dr. Whitaker gives the date 1410, and adds that she was lineally descended from Sir Michael le Fleming, kinsman to William the Conqueror, and one of his generals. The arms of Fleming of Wath are: Azure, two bars argent, on a chief of the second, three lozenges, gules. They had issue, Thomas, son and heir, Henry, Ann, Isabel, Jane, Elizabeth and Mary. William Fleming, the last of that name of Wath, left two daughters. The younger one married Thurstan Hall, who also left two daughters, the younger one of whom, married Henry Savile,



# Pedigree shewing the connection of Fleming of Wath, Stanfeld of Stansfield, and Savile of Copley.



From whom the Saviles of Wath.

\* Occurs in Poll Tax 1378.

† Occurs in Rectory Inquisition 1362.



third son of Nicholas Savile of New Hall, and the father of John Savile of Wath, living at the Visitation of Yorkshire in 1585, and grandfather of Henry Savile of Wath, who signed his pedigree, at the Visitation in 1612. The connection between the families of Fleming of Wath, Stansfeld and Savile, will be best understood, by referring to the pedigree, drawn for that purpose. It will be noticed, that two of the children of John Stansfeld, married into the Savile family, Thomas Stansfeld, his son and heir, marrying Alice daughter of John Savile of Copley, and Ann Stansfeld marrying Thomas Savile of Hullenedge, uncle of her brother Thomas' wife.

This John Savile of Copley, father-in-law of Thomas Stansfeld, left a son, John Savile, omitted in all the printed pedigrees of the Saviles of Copley. This descent may be proved by the will of the first John, dated 20th April 1459, and proved 21st January, 1459-60, published in *Testamenta Eboracensia*, Surtees Society, vol. xxx., p. 238, and also copied in Dodsworth's MSS. vol. 99, folio 422 in the Bodleian library. But the most interesting evidence is contained in the following curious settlement, which was copied by Watson, but not embodied in his *History of Halifax*. The original deed was then in the possession of Mr. Parker of Halifax, and was in the form of a chirograph, with the first eleven letters of the alphabet cut through.

"This Indent<sup>r</sup> made the iiij day of the monethe of May in ye yer of the reigne of Kyng Henry Sext after the conquest xxxvj witnes that John Sayvyll of Coplay Esquyar hafe gefyn and graunt and w<sup>th</sup> his Charter confermede to Thomas Wylkynson, Vycar of the Kyrke of Halyfax, John Lacy Esquyer, John Brodelegh, Prest, Ryc : Shagh and Ric : Waterhous, all Mesez Lands and Tenements of his Rents and S'vic' w<sup>th</sup> the pert. quyche ye saide John Sayvill hase in Northlande, Håmelett de Vill de Ryschworth Southourom and Staynlande, exept two Mesez and on cloyse of the quyche on is calde Northrode another cald Hollyngegge, and the thryde cald Hermetrode as in ye saide Charter yeroff made more fully apperus.

Nevertheles this is the wyll and the entent of the saide John Sayvyll that ye saide Thomas, John and John, Ric. and Ric. his feffys make or gar be made a State lawfull unto John Sayvill his son and to the herryys male of his body lawfully

getyn, of all the Landes and Ten'tz w<sup>th</sup> ye pert: y<sup>t</sup> his saide Feffys late hase hade be his gyft and fessment in Northlande before saide, and iff hitt happyn the said John Son of ye said John Sayvyll for to dye w<sup>t</sup> oute her male of his body lawfully getyn, then all ye saide Landes and Ten'tz w<sup>t</sup> the pert: holly remayndre unto Umfray Sayvyll Brother of ye saide John and to ye Her male of his body lawfully getyn. And iff hitt happyn ye saide Umfray for to dye w<sup>th</sup> outen Her male of his body lawfully getyn then all ye saide Lands and Ten'tz w<sup>th</sup> thayr pert: unto ye ryght Heres of ye saide John Sayvyll Fadre to ye said John and Umfray remayndre for evermore.

Also that ye saide Thomas John and John, Ric: and Ric: make or gar be made a State lawfull unto the saide Umfray or to ye Heres male of his Body lawfully getyn of all Landes and Ten'tz w<sup>th</sup> pert. quych yai have hade late of the gyft and fessment of ye saide John Sayvyll Fadre to ye saide Umfray in Southourom and Staynland. And if hitt happyn ye saide Umfray for to dye w<sup>th</sup> outyn Here male of his body lawfully gotyn then all ye saide Landes and Ten'tz w<sup>th</sup> ye pert: remandre unto John Sayvyll Brother of ye saide Umfray and to ye Heres male of his body lawfully gotyn. And if hitt happyn ye saide John Sayvyll Brother of ye saide Umfray for to dye w<sup>th</sup> outyn Here male of his body lawfully gotyn, then all ye saide Landes and Ten'tz w<sup>th</sup> the pert: unto ye ryght Heres of ye saide John Sayvyll Fadre unto ye saide John and Umfray remandre for evermore.

Into witnes heroff the saide John Sayvyll Fadre to ye saide John and Umfray to ayther p'te of yis Indent: his Seall hase sett. Thise wytnes, John Ryschworth Jun<sup>r</sup>. John Ecclyslay, Ric<sup>e</sup>. Mylner, Jun<sup>r</sup>. and other moo. Grauntyd att Northland the day and the yere beforesaide" [1458].

The five trustees above-named conveyed, as directed, to Umfray Savile, under date 26th October, 8th Edward IV. [1468], with remainder to John his brother, &c.

In a deed, however, dated 25th March, 8th Henry VII. [1493], Henry Sayvell, son and heir of John Sayvell late of Northland, deceased, confirmed lands there, to John Rayner, which descended to him on the decease of the said John Sayvell, his father, in exchange for a close called Richarddroide, between his close and a close of *Henry Sayvell, of Copley*. Henry Sayvell

de Copley also is named in deeds 1481 to 1508, and made his will 29th April, proved 2nd July, 1510. He, therefore, *may* have been the grandson of John Savile, of Copley, who died in 1459, by a son and heir (Thomas, according to Wilson's MSS) who is not named in his father's will, as also was not Alice, a daughter, who married Thomas Stansfeld. The latter would have been already provided for, by her marriage portion, &c., and the former may have been of age, at his father's death, and so inherited Copley, or it otherwise might have been assured to him. It is somewhat strange, however, that he is not named; but he may have been dead, and his son a minor.

JOHN DE STANSFELD occurs in deeds, along with Ralph, his father, from 1428, as has already been shown, under the section dealing with the latter generation, in the Heralds' pedigree.

1434 JOHN DE STANSFELD, Ric. de Waddesworth, Henry de Cokcrofte, John de Shagh and Henry de Southclyff witnessed a deed of John Maunsell, of the Parish of Wakefield, to Richard de Shagh and Robert de Southclyff, of Wadsworth, of certain lands, &c., late the possession of Anabelle, late wife of William Maunsell.

1456 20th June, 34th Henry VI. Richard Pek, son of John Pek, of Southowram, enfeoffed Nicholas Worteley, esquire, Thomas Wilkynson, vicar of Halyfax, John Sayvyll of Copley, John Ryshworth of Coldeley, and JOHN STANSFELD, in all mesuages, &c., which he lately had of the feoffment of the said Nicholas, together with James Wodhouse and John Ryshworth of Hymysworth. Witnesses, Richard Rokes, William Otes, and John Hemyngway.

1458-9 4th January, 37th Henry VI. The above feoffees convey to Thomas Neylson, citizen and merchant of York, the above premises, which formerly belonged to William Brodelegh of Shepedeyn. Witnesses, Laurence Newall, William Otes and John Hemyngway. William Bentley was appointed attorney to deliver, and John Rysscheworth junr. of Coldelay, son of Christopher Ryssheworth, to receive, seizin. The above property was called Dove House.

From the Wakefield court rolls :—

1416 5th October, 4th Henry V. RALPH STANSFELD, JOHN STANSFELD, JOHN son of RALPH STANSFELD, and R—(torn) STANSFELD, presented for assault.

- 1424 Halifax Turn. JOHN STANSFELD of Sourbybrig, attached for an assault, made on Sunday next after the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, 2nd Henry VI., on John Rigmaiden; and for a great affray against the peace.
- 1429 JOHN STANSFELD amerced on the presentation of the forester at Hipperholme, for cutting and carrying off underwood, within that lordship, without license.
- 1431 13th March and 6th June, at Wakefield court, under Hipperholme, JOHN STANSFELD was a juror in a suit between Richard Prestelay, plaintiff, and William Brodele, defendant.
- 1433 Brighthouse Turn. 6th October, 12th Henry VI. JOHN STANSFELD presented for non-attendance.
- 1434 The constable of Northowram presents JOHN STANSFELD for digging turves on the moor of Northowram, where he has no right of common.
- 1434 29th October, 13th Henry VI. Court at Wakefield. Hipperholme. Suit between: Henry Townende and others, plaintiffs, and JOHN STANCESFELD defendant, *re* common of pasture in Horwythyns, in greaveship of Hipperholme.
- 1435-6-7 & 8 JOHN STANCESFELD presented by the constable of Northowram for digging turves in Mikilmosse in Northowram,
- 1436 19th October, 15th Henry VI. Hipperholme. JOHN STANCESFELD presented by the "Custos" of Brynescoles.
- 1437 19th September & 24th April 1438. JOHN STANCESFELD amerced for cutting underwood in Brynescoles, Hipperholme.
- 1439 Decoll. S John Bapt. [29th August] 17th Henry VI. Hipperholme. Suit between William Sharpp, plaintiff, and JOHN STANCESFELD, defendant. Plea of trespass.
- 1439 2nd September, 18th Henry VI. Hipperholme. JOHN STANCESFELD, of Lightcliff, fined for non-attendance.
- 1440 22nd April, 18th Henry VI. Hipperholme. JOHN STANCESFELD presented by the custos of Brynescoles in Hipperholme, for cutting wood.

The evidences above, favour the assumption, adopted in the sheet pedigree attached to this section, that this John Stansfeld was the son of Ralph and Jane Stansfeld, whose name, as such, is mentioned in connection with a deed of William and John, sons of

Thomas de Metheley and Ellen his wife, daughter of John de Wodehead, to him, of lands, &c., in Hartishead. Hartishead adjoins Northowram and Hipperholme, hence, no doubt, the frequent presentments for trespass. The Flemings were also, at this time, lords of Clifton, adjoining Hartishead; and if, as the dates suggest, Henry de Stansfeld, who married Jane, daughter of Brian Thornhill, of Fixby, was the grandson of this John, and son of Thomas, by Alice, daughter of John Savile of Copley; the Stansfelds, at this period, were allied to the best families in the neighbourhood.

Kirklees nunnery, famous amongst readers of romance, and all children who have ever heard of Robin Hood, as the scene of his death and burial, was founded by Reyner le Fleming; and Jane Stansfeld, probably the daughter of this John Stansfeld, by Mary Fleming his wife, was one of the nuns, and afterwards became prioress. It may well be imagined, that the fact of being "of Founder's blood," would form an important factor in her election. She must have been of good age, if her father were married in 1410; but, as she only held that position eight years, and the election might have gone by seniority, this is only what might reasonably be gathered from the known facts.

1491 April. Archbishop's register, York. Confirmation of the election of Johanna Stansfeld as prioress of Kirklees, upon the death of Cecilia Hik.

"In the Name of God, Amen. I, dame Johanna Stansfeld, chosyn and confirmed p'oresse of Kirkleghe, of thord<sup>r</sup> of Saynte Barnarde, of York dioc. shalbe true and obedient to the moste reverende fadir in God Thomas, by the grace of God, Archebisshop of Yorke, primate of England, and legat of the courte of Rome, and to his successors lawfullie entring ad to their officers and ministres in all man<sup>r</sup> of lawfull comaundments, so God me helpe and thies eüngelists."

On her death, Margaret Tarlton received confirmation as prioress, 24th April, 1499. The last prioress was Jane Kepax, confirmed 4th November, 1540; and Whitaker, in his account of Mirfield church, the advowson of which was appropriate to Kirklees, describes her memorial:—

"Around an arch which seems to have been a Confessionary, on the North side of the choir, is an inscription, comparatively modern, and merely copied from the Parish Register, to commemorate the last prioress of Kirklees, who, after the dissolution, might probably be allowed the use of an apartment in the parsonage, in aid of her poor annuity of 40s.—*'Dame Joan Kephast, late nun of Kirklees, buried February y<sup>e</sup> 5th day, 1562.'*"

Above it are the following lines, so touchingly appropriate to this and the other poor ladies, thrown upon the world, with the libellous taint of sin and shame cast upon their names, by perjured men, at the dissolution of religious houses; a time when a charge of shameful sin, against the innocent, was guilt; and a guilty king, wallowing in that crime, whose children were legitimate *by act of parliament*, was considered innocent:—

Beneath the great oppressor's frown,  
When virtue lies distress'd;  
When sorrow bows the body down,  
God gives the mourner rest. ✚

From the marriage of Ann, daughter of John Stansfeld, with Thomas Savile of Hullenedge, are descended the Saviles of Hullenedge, Wath, Welborne, Mexborough, Newhall, Bradley and Methley. Of the last branch, is the present earl of Mexborough; and Sir Henry Savile, of Methley, was created a baronet in 1611, but, his three sons dying young, the baronetcy became extinct, at his death in 1632.

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## XI.—THOMAS STANSFIELD.

THOMAS STANSFIELD, of Stansfield, son and heir of John, married ALICE, daughter of John Savile, and had issue, William, son and heir, Robert, Richard, Henry, Julian and Mary. The arms of Savile of Copley are: Argent, on a bend, sable, three owls of the field; a crescent for difference. This crescent marks the second branch of the family; the Saviles of Thornhill, being the main line. The connection with the Savile family, has already been explained, and it will be sufficient to note here, that John Savile of Copley, died in 1459, and Thomas Savile of Hullenedge, his brother, died in 1457.



These dates of the deaths of the father-in-law and brother-in-law of Thomas Stansfeld, assist in ascribing a date to his own period. But in the administration of the goods of Thomas Savile of Hullenedge, granted 11th April, 1457, his relict is called Isabell. She may have been a second wife. So the following will of Thomas Stansfeld, would well accord with the period, but his wife is there also named Isabell.

1465 Wills at York *vol. iv. 221 b* for 121 *b.* 20th November, 1465. Thomas Stansfelde, of parish of Heptonstall, bequeathed his soul to Almighty God, Saint Mary and all saints, and his body to be buried as God would dispose. His mortuary to the church of Halifax, and ten shillings to the chapel of Heptonstall. The residue of all his goods he left to his wife Isabell and his children, and he appointed her his executrix. Witnesses, RICHARD STANSFELDE, Thomas Robertsha, and Laurence Bentlay. Probat. 24th January, [1465-6].

## XII.—WILLIAM STANSFIELD.

WILLIAM STANSFIELD, of Stansfield, son and heir of Thomas, married ELIZABETH, daughter of John Duckenfield of Duckenfield in Cheshire, and had issue, JAMES STANSFIELD of Stansfield Hall, son and heir, living 1536, in which year he removed to Hartishead. He (James) married a daughter of Mr. Holden of Lancashire, had issue, Ashton and several other children, sons and daughters. ASHTON STANSFIELD was Barrister-at-Law, lived in Wakefield, and married a daughter and heiress of Philemon Speight of Earls Heaton, by whom he had issue several children, who all died young without issue. Such is the statement of the Heralds, but another pedigree from their College, gives these last two generations differently, as will be shewn afterwards, making James the son of another James, as is, doubtless, correct, and can be proved by evidence.

The arms of Duckenfield are: Argent, a cross pointed (another wavy), voided, sable.

Dr. Whitaker, in a note at the foot of his pedigree of the family of Stansfeld of Stansfeld Hall, which occurs between *pp.* 202-3 in his *Loidis and Elmete*, remarks :—

The above pedigree, down to James, the son of William Stansfeld and Elizabeth Duckenfield, agrees nearly *verbatim*, with one in the College of Arms, one in the British Museum, and one in the hand writing of Ralph Thoresby, sent by him to John Evelyn, F.R.S., the celebrated author of *Silva*, and ancestor of the Baronets of that name. Mr. Evelyn's mother was daughter and sole heir of John Stansfeld, Esq. of Lewes, in Sussex, living anno 1600, who on declaration that he was descended from the Yorkshire family, had the following arms granted him, and confirmed by Sir William Segar: vert, 3 goats passant, argent, armed, or. The pedigree, and Mr. Thoresby's letter, which accompanied it, are now in the possession of Mr. Upcott, sub-librarian to the London Institution, to whom they were lately given by Lady Evelyn. But in this pedigree, as well as in the two others alluded to above, the James Stansfeld just mentioned, is erroneously stated to be the father of Ashton Stansfeld, a barrister, at Wakefield. Ashton's father, James, who sold the last of the Stansfeld estates, died in 1674. In his will, proved in that year, he mentions his deceased son Ashton's children, James and Frances, who were living in 1657, when the will was made.

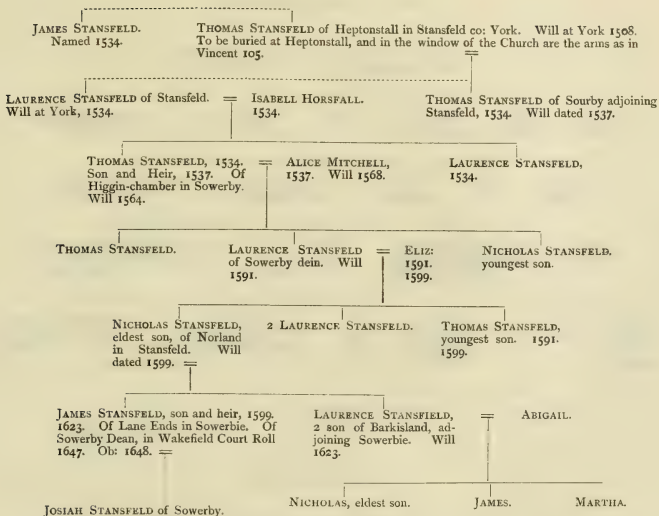
With respect to this matter, it is sufficient to state, at present, that James Stansfeld of Stansfeld, who made his will on the 11th January 1657-8, proved 17th February 1674-5, was buried at Crostone, soon after the former date, the entry of his burial in the register being:—

1658 March. James Stansfeld of Stansfeld, esq. buried at Crostone the 27.

This was the father of Ashton Stansfeld, and the grandfather of James and Frances Stansfeld of Stansfeld. How Whitaker could assert, that he sold the last of the Stansfeld estates, we cannot say; unless he never saw the will he himself alludes to. This will, which recites the remnant of the Stansfeld estates, in the possession of the testator, will be found in full, in the chapter relating to the Stansfelds of Stansfeld and Hartishead.



# Stansfeld of Sowerby.



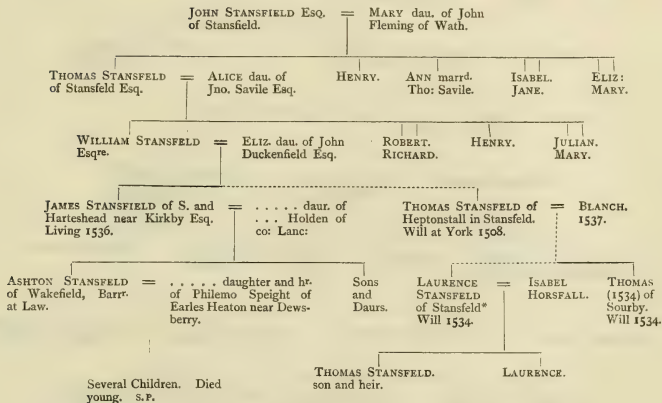
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*Stephen Jackson*  
2 May 1885 *Lowest Handed*



# Stansfeld of Stansfield and Sowerby.

BROOKE 390.



(\* Names his uncle James.)

*Transcripts from the Originals (B.P. xix., 207-212)  
in the Heralds' College, London.*

*Wm. L. Fisher  
2 May 1885*











## CHAPTER VII.

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### THE STANSFELDS OF STANSFIELD AND SOWERBY.

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#### HERALDS' COLLEGE PEDIGREES II. III. AND IV. [FIRST PORTION].

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Of difficulties occur in the intermediate portion of the pedigree of the Stansfeld family, from its junction with the main line, established, at the time of the union, at Stansfield Hall and Hartishead Hall, down to Josias Stansfeld of the Breck, from whose seven sons, the lines are carried separately, down to the present time.

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#### I.—THOMAS STANSFELD.

Another pedigree in Heralds' College, is evidently copied from Watson's and Whitaker's works. It commences with John Stansfeld, who married in 1410, Mary, daughter of John Fleming, and had issue, Thomas Stansfeld, who married Alice, daughter of John Savile, and had, amongst others, William Stansfeld, who married Elizabeth, daughter of John Duckenfield. The issue of this marriage, is stated to be, James Stansfeld of Stansfeld, son and heir, and THOMAS STANSFELD of Heptonstall in Stansfeld, who married BLANCHE ——— and died in 1508. Another pedigree, duly attested by Somerset Herald, will be found, in which is added the information that his will is at York, ordering him to be buried at Heptonstall; and in the window of the church, are the arms as in Vincent 105. The will, in epitome, is as follows :—

*Vol. viij. folio 1b.* Dated 10th December 1508, proved 10th January 1508-9. THOMAS STANSFELD bequeathed his soul to Almighty God, the B.V.M. and all saints, and his body to be buried in the chapel of S. Thomas the Martyr, of Heptonstall. Also his best animal in the name of a mortuary, and 3s. 4d. towards the building of the said chapel. The residue of his goods, he bequeathed to his wife BLANCHE, whom he also appointed his executrix. Witnesses, John Gall, chaplain, William Feror, LAURENCE STANSFELDE and others. In the probate, administration is granted to William Halile [Halliwell or Highley ?] of York, Fishmonger, by request of JOHANNA, relict of the defunct.

The issue of Thomas Stansfeld is given, as Lawrence and Thomas. The latter, in his will, mentions his mother Blanch.

*Vol. xi. fol. 244a.* In No'ie dei amen tercio die Aprilis Anno D'ni mccccxxvj. I THOMAS STANSFELD, seke in bodye, hoole of mynde and memory, ordane and make my last wyll and testamente, in maner and fo'me foloing. flyrste I gyve and bequeathe my soull to almyghtye god, and oure blessed lady Sancte marie, and to all the sanctes in heven, and my body to bee buried in the churche yearde of sancte John baptiste of halyfax.

Item, I bequeathe to the chapell of Sourbye vj li xiijs iiijd, of wiche sū, at the day of making herof, is in the handes of John Banastre iij li vjs viijd, and iij li in the handes of Richard Horsfall of Heptonstall, to bee payd afre decesse of BLAUNCHE my moder.

Also I bequeathe to the buylding of one chamer to the p'iste at Sourbye vijs. viijd.

Itm. I bequeathe to William Crabtrie, sone of Thomas Crabtrie, vj li xiijs iiijd, to be payd by the handes of my executors, when he cometh to the aidge of xxj yeares.

Itm. I bequeathe to Alice, the wyfe of Thomas Hergreyves, all my sheipe, and iij li. vjs. viijd.

Itm. I bequeathe to the mending of the way in the Wecherlane xs., now in the handes of Thomas Wilson of Kendall.

Itm. I gyve to the chapell beilded at the crosse stone, in the parishe of Heptonstall liijs. iiijd, now in the handes of William More of Heptonstall, the wiche sū, I will that the sayd William More paye unto Richard Horsfall and THOMAS STANSFELD, to bye therwith, one chales [chalice] to the said chapell, and the chales beyng thier, to bee geven agayne to the churche of Heptonstall, orels the new chales remayne ther.

John Brigge and James Robynson are appointed executors, and vijli. to his forthbringing (funeral), and the remainder equally, to ALICE STANSFELDE and Alice Helewell.

Witnesses, George Smyth, Alane Penyngton, Richard Horsfall, THOMAS STANSFELD, Edward Naler and oder.

Pr. 17th May, Dno. Johanni Helewell, cant. apud Eland.

It is evident, that the above testator was the brother of Laurence Stansfeld, whose will is given next, by the following considerations. Laurence, who died first, mentions a brother Thomas, a father-in-law Richard Horsfall, and a son Thomas who married Alice Mitchell. These are all mentioned in the above will, Alice Stansfeld being co-residuary legatee with Alice Helliwell, probably a married niece.

*Vol. xi. folio 133a.* Dated 12th February, proved 10th March 1534-5.

" I LAURENCE STANSFELDE of Township of Stansfelde in the Parish of Heptonstall, being of whole mind and memory &c. &c. my body to be buried in the chapel of Heptonstall. Also I bequeath to the Vicar of Hallifax, a mortuarie after th'acte of soverayne lord King Henrie Height.

" Also I bequeath towards the repairing of the said chapel, vjs. viijd. sterling; and I will that LAWRENCE STANSFELDE, my youngest son, have all the mess. and landes and tents. in Heptonstall, which shall or may descend to me or my heirs, after the death of JA<sup>s</sup> STANSFELDE my uncle, and another mess. with another to it adjoining, with appurtenances, in Heptonstall, after dethe of THOMAS STANSFELDE my brother; to be hadde all to the said Lawrence my son, for terme of his life, as more plainlie doth appear by a surrender thereof, made into the handes of THOMAS STANSFELDE of Parke [Paile?] Lord ten'nt.

" Also, whereas that ISABELL my wife is with childe, if it please God it be a man childe, I will that it hath all the mess<sup>es</sup> landes and tene<sup>nts</sup> called Hegynchawmbre for terme of its life, or els THOMAS STANSFELDE my son and Heire appering, to pay to him twenty nobills, when the said childe come to lawful age; and if it be a woman childe, then the said Thomas my son to pay to her and other his sisters, the sum of xx<sup>ty</sup> nobills, at such time as the said messu<sup>ges</sup> and lande called Hegynchawmbre shall come to the said Thomas my son.

"Also, I will that Rich<sup>d</sup> Horsfall, my Father in Law, have and keep the said Thomas my son and Heir, during his said non-age, and yearly take and have xls. off rentes of landes of said Thomas, towards his fynding. Also I will and assign the said Thomas my son, to enjoy and have certaine land or close called Hawkescloughe, which Mr. JAMES STANSFELDE did surrender unto me and my assigns, for terme of his life, as appeareth in the rente rolls of Wackefield.

"And also, I will that the said Isabell my wife, and our younger children, have the rentes and profits coming and growing upon all my other landes and tene<sup>ts</sup>, until the sayd Tho<sup>s</sup> my son be twenty one years of age. Residue of all my goods above not bequeathed, I give unto the said Isabell my wife, and childer, and make them my executors. And the said Rich<sup>d</sup> Horsfall to be their supervisor, overseer and reuler of them, their goods and landes, to and for their most profit.

"Witnesses, John Grenwoodde my curate, Wilm: Nicholl, Edmund Fairbank, Parish Clerk, John Estwoode, Tho<sup>s</sup> Nayler and others.

"Proved before Sir John Helliwell chantry priest (cantarist) Elland."

Dr. Whitaker made the connection between Thomas Stansfeld, who died in 1508, and William Stansfeld and Elizabeth Duckenfield, evidently allowed by the Heralds, on the strength of this allusion to an uncle James Stansfeld; on whose death, the reversion of, at any rate, a life interest in certain messuages &c. in Heptonstall, was to fall to Laurence Stansfeld, a younger son of the testator. This is willed to him for his life, according to the terms of a surrender. He also bequeathed to another son, Thomas, a life interest in Hawkesclough, which Mr. James Stansfeld surrendered to him, for the surrenderer's life. This looks like an *exchange* of interests, the life interest to Mr. James Stansfeld being a consideration, for the use of Hawkesclough, which being adjacent to a mill &c. would be required by the tenant of the mill, which we suppose the testator to have been. It was not necessary, therefore, to kill off all the issue of the main line, in order to explain the terms of this will.

That the Mr. James Stansfeld who possessed Hawkesclough, was the head of the family, the possessor of Stansfield and Hartishead Halls, there is sufficient evidence to prove. He paid heriot at the court of Wakefield, 20th May 5th Henry VIII. [1513], as son of Ralph deceased, and grandson and heir of Geoffrey Stansfeld, for a parcel of land in the course of the Calder, and an attachment to a mill dam, between Rydicarr and Hawkesclough. This is the James Stansfeld, who appears in Heralds' College pedigree No. VI., treated of under the title of the Stansfelds of Stansfield and Hartishead. He died before 1541, as he is referred to, in the will of Robert Helewell, of that date, as "Mr. James Stancefelde late of Stancefelde, deceased."

It is evident, therefore, that James Stansfeld of Hartishead, *circa* 1536, and Thomas Stansfeld, whose arms were in the window of Heptonstall church, were not the sons of William Stansfeld and Elizabeth Duckenfield. But it remains to be proved, that they were brothers; for, although in the foregoing will, an uncle James Stansfeld is named, and likewise a Mr. James Stansfeld, who owned Hawkesclough, it by no means follows that they were the same. The balance of probability, as far as the will alone is concerned, is against the identity; for one person is called *Mr.* James Stansfeld and not *uncle*, and the other is called James Stansfeld *my uncle*, and not *Mr.* And it is certain, that James Stansfeld of Stansfield Hall and Hartishead, had a brother Thomas, who is mentioned in his marriage settlement, 28th March 1518, and could not, therefore, be the Thomas Stansfeld who died in 1508. And the three wills already given, seem to prove that Laurence and Thomas were sons to the other testator.

The difficulty is increased by the following reports of proceedings at law, respecting Higginchamber, mentioned in the will of Laurence, as though the whole, and not a moiety of it, were in his possession.

*Ducatus Lancastriæ—Calendar to Pleadings, Vols. x. 12 and xvi. 1.* 3rd Elizabeth [1561]. LAURENCE STANSFELD, claiming by the Custom of the Manor of Wakefield, against THOMAS

STANSFELD, claiming by forfeiture, as found by the Homage at the Court called the Steward's Turn at Halifax. Moiety of a Messuage, Barn, Lands and Appurtenances called Hegyn Chamber, Sowerby, Halifax.

5th Elizabeth [1563]. LAURENCE STANSFELD, claiming by Inheritance, against THOMAS STANSFELD, claiming under a Decree. Moiety of a Messuage &c.

The bills are not dated, otherwise than in the calendar ; but the second one, from which the following resumé is taken, is addressed to the Rt. Hon Sir Ambrose Cave, knight, one of the Queen's Majesty's Council.

*Section 1.*—Bill filed by Lawrens Stansfeld of Stansfeld, Yorke, yeoman, setting forth that :—

“Whereas one Nicholas Stansfeld, lait of Stansfeld, York, yeoman, was lawfully seised in his demeane as of fee, according to the Custome of the manor of Wakefeld, of and in the moiety of one messuage or tenement, or halfe of one barne, tenne acres, and a rood of land, meadow and pasture, called Heginchamber, in Sowerbye, in the Lordship of Wakefeld, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster.

“Being so seised, he, the said Nicholas Stansfeld, at a Court holden at Halifax, Oct<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> in the 8<sup>th</sup> of King Henry VII<sup>th</sup> [1492], did give into the hands of the Steward thereof, all the premisses, to the use of Nicholas Stansfeld his sonne, and of his heires mailles of his body lawfully begotten, and in default to his own right heirs. Nicholas the son, entered the premisses, after the death of his father, and died possessed of same, without issue male ; and after such death, the premisses ought to come to the plt [as above] as Cousin and heir of Nicholas Stansfeld the Donor, that is to say, Brother of Thomas, son of Lawrens, son of Thomas, son of the said Nicholas the Donor. By virtue thereof, plt according to the custom of the said Manor, entered the same premisses, and was thereof seised.”

It appears, that one Thomas Stansfeld, in the said County of York, yeoman, of his extorte, might and power, and accompanied with divers other Riotous and evil disposed persons, to plt unknown, entered the premises, and molests, vexes and troubles plt. “The premises considered, and for that the said Thomas Stansfeld ys a man of great myghte, Riches, habilytie and power, and also greatly frended, kined, and allied in the said

County, as well as unto the Steward of the Court of Wakefeld, and plt, beinge powre, and haveinge no frends in the said County, fears an in-different trial." Ending by praying the usual writ to answer.

*Section 1a*:—Another bill, not dated, filed by Lawrence Stancefeld of Stancefeld, Yorke, yeoman, setting forth that he in Trinity Term, 3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth [1561] exhibited his bill in the Duchy Chamber at Westminster, against one Thomas Stancefeld of Sowrebye, Yorke, yeoman, concerning the moiety of a barn, and ten acres of land called Hyngyngne Chambre, in Sowrebye, York, whereunto the said Thomas appeared, and pleaded as by the answer may appear. Notwithstanding, the case was dismissed, the judge ordered plt. to pay the said Thomas Stancefeld £6 13s. 4d.

In Michaelmas Term, 5<sup>th</sup> Eliz<sup>th</sup> [1563] one John Sutcliffe paid the money, on behalf of plt.

Plt. now prays that the Court will order the said Thomas to answer his bill.

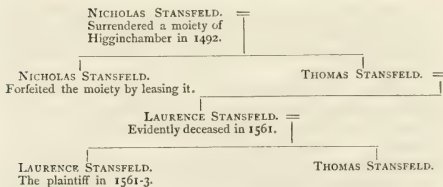
*Section 1b*:—Thomas Stancefeld answers the bill, admitting what plt. says; but further states that the bill is vexatious to him, inasmuch as plt. has not paid the costs of the action, when ordered by the judge, and prays dismissal.

*Section 1c*:—This is a replication of Lawrence Stancefeld, to the answer of Thomas Stansfeld; who maintains what he already said in bill.

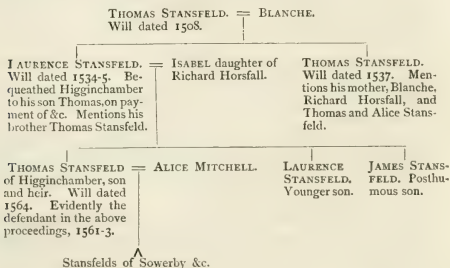
*Section 1d*:—This is a rejoinder of Thomas Stancefeld, to the Replication of Lawrence Stauncefeld, who says that Nicholas Stauncefelde the younger, mencioned in the saide Aunsweare, demised the premises to one Thomas baytes, for 30 years; and further says, that the demise was a forfeiture of his Copyhold, by the Custom of the manor.

It ends by stating, that the whole answer is an attempt to defraude him of the premises.

These proceedings are interesting, not only from a genealogical point of view; but also as illustrating the tenure of copyhold land, &c., more than three hundred years ago. The fact of the manor of Wakefield being then parcel of the duchy of Lancaster, accounts for the proceedings in the Duchy court. The claimant's pedigree, at first sight, appears to be the same as that at present under notice.



For comparison, the other pedigree is subjoined.



It will be seen at a glance, how curiously these pedigrees seem to coincide. Both the plaintiff and defendant, were sons of Lawrence, and grandsons of Thomas. The plaintiff, Lawrence, had a brother, Thomas; and the defendant, Thomas, had a brother, Lawrence, and also another brother, James. But the plaintiff and defendant could not have been brothers, as the disposition of property in the will of Lawrence, dated 1534, would have debarred the son Lawrence, as Higginchamber is definitely bequeathed, either to the child unborn, or to Thomas; and Lawrence is otherwise provided for. But the defendant, no doubt, represented the other moiety of Higginchamber, and the contingent remainder of the moiety in question. It is not improbable, therefore, that the Nicholas and Thomas, who head the pedigrees, were brothers.



The reference to the defendant, being greatly friended, kined and allied in the county, as well as to the steward of the court of Wakefield, is further evidence of the connection between the Stansfeld and Sowerby branches of the pedigree of Stansfeld. The Duchy Pleadings, only eight pages further on, mention the name of James Staunsfeld, the Queen's bailiff, 5th Elizabeth [1563]. The following is the will of a Nicholas Stansfeld, who may be the one who forfeited his inheritance,

*Vol. xi., p. 405 b.* Dated 23rd, proved 30th January, 1539-40.

NICHOLAS STANCEFELDE of the parish of Heptonstall &c. bequeathed his body to be buried in the chapel, and for his burial fee, iij s. iiij d. to the said chapel. Residue to THOMAS STANCEFELDE.

Another will, probably, belongs this branch of the family; and as the plaintiff, Lawrence Stansfeld, calls himself the brother of Thomas, it may be that of the latter. But it is more probably that of Thomas Stansfeld of Erringden Park, the tenant of the lord mentioned in the will of Laurence Stansfeld, in 1534.

*Vol. xv., folio 156 a. (the third set of numbering).* Dated 21st August, proved 10th November, 1558.

THOMAS STANSFELD of the parishing of Heptonstall, bequeathed to his sons RICHARD and GEORGE, and daughters ALIS and ELYZA, £20, which was in the hands of EDWARD STANCEFELD, his son and heir. All other goods &c. to his wife ISABELL, executrix, and to his daughters Alys and Elizabeth. SIR GILBERT STANCEFELD, curate, was one of the witnesses.

Thomas Stansfeld was Head Greave of Sowerby, 18th Henry VII. [1502-3]; and in the 22nd year of the following reign [1530-1], the wife of Thomas Drapar was greave for lands in Marshelay, and had help of Christofer Felde, John Drapar, James Felde, John Bannystar for Holingbarshay, Richard Ridinges, Thomas Stansfelde, and Edward Bates. Thomas, son of Nicholas Stansfeld, was witness to a deed of Shay in Langfield, dated 11th June, 1530. And the court roll of Wakefield, 4th November, 1524, records that:—

Edward Akroyd through THOMAS STANCEFELD, surrenders a messuage, with divers lands, now in tenure of Isabella Crosselee, after lapse of term which Peter Crosselee has, to the use of John Wadsworth, and his assigns, for six years.

These are not all the same person, although bearing the same name. It is not at all unlikely, indeed, that four different persons are here mentioned ; but it is not possible, at present, to identify each one, in the pedigree.

## II.—LAURENCE STANSFELD.

LAURENCE STANSFELD, son and heir of Thomas, whose will has already been given, married ISABEL, daughter of Richard Horsfall (who bore : Gules, three horses' heads, erased, argent). The will of Richard Horsfall of Heptonstall, was made 14th October, 1557, and proved 9th March, 1557-8. He mentions his brother John, sons, Richard, John and Henry, and his daughter Anne. Laurence Stansfeld paid 9s. for £18 goods, in the subsidy 15th Henry VIII. [1523-4], the other payments of the same name being, in Stansfeld, James Stansfeld, for 20 mark lands, 13s. 4d.; and under Heptonstall, Edward Stansfeld, for 20s. land, 12d. He had issue, Thomas, son and heir, and Laurence, mentioned, and a posthumous son, James, provided for, in his will.

In a schedule, consisting of dates and contents of thirty-three pieces of evidences, written in 1558, but referring to some deeds, which were then 250 years old, the following are entered :—

26. Deed, 15th July, 3 Ric. III. [1485]. Wm. Whiteleigh releases to Nicholas Savile of ffeikesbie, his right in a close called ferie leigh, and in xs. rent going forth of certain lands of Robert Mitchell.

31. Itm. a deed dated the xx of December, in the xvi year of Kinge Henrie the Eight [1524], whereby John Savile gave to Lawrence Stansfeld, xs. rent issuing forth of lands in Stansfeld, sometym Whiteleigh and Jo. Whiteleigh.

29. Deed, 10th Jany. 16 Hen. viij [1525], Henry Savile esq. son of Nicholas, released——right in——forth of lands sometime Robert Mitchell's.

30. Deed, 5th April 23 Hen——[1532]——gave to Jennett his wife, xs rent issuing forth of lands sometime——John Whiteleigh's.

The will of James Stansfeld of Heptonstall, was made 10th Septbr., and proved 2nd March, 1572. He mentioned his wife Alice, bequeathed to his bastard daughter Jennet, for ever, the house he then dwelt in, and 13s. 4d. yearly rent, to his daughter Alice. On the 31st May, 1575, Alice Stansfeld, widow, with Anthony and John Beane, butchers, of Bradford, entered into a bond in £20, to Alice Stansfeld, her daughter, to pay the latter the annuity mentioned in the will.

The Condycon of this obligacon ys suche, that yf the aboue named ALYCE STANCEFEILD, Virgyn, hir heres and Assignes, at all tymes hereafter, Immedyatlie from and after the Daie of the Deceasse of the aboue Bounden Alyce stancefeild, weadowe, shall, may, and doe Quyetlie and peacefullie p'ceyve, receyve, and take one Annewytie or Annewal rent of Thirtene shillings and fouer pence of good and lawfull money of england, goinge forthe and to be leaved of one howse in heptonstall, w<sup>th</sup> th' apprten'n'e's, layt th' inheritance of JAMES STANCEFEILD, Deceased, ffather of the said Alyce, in the ffeste of St. Martyne the bishopp, and pentecost, or contrarywise in the said ffeste, as yt shall happen by and after the Deceasse of the said Alyce Stancefeild, weadowe, by eaven porcons, accordinge to the true meaninge of one writinge, thereof made to the said Alice Stancefeild, vergyne, hir heres and assignes.

By fforce of one surrender hertofore, by the said James Stancefeild in his lief tyme, for that purpose made, of the said yerlie rent, and geven upp into thande of one EDWARD STANCEFEILD, of Arrendenne, tenante to the Lorde, accordinge to the Custome of the mann'r. of hallyfax, and as by the writinge thereof, bearing Date of this obligacion, more at large it doethe and may appeare, w<sup>th</sup> oute any interruption, suyt, lett, hynderaunce or incubrance of one JENNETT STANCEFEILD, an illigdymat Daughter of the said James Stancefeild Deceased, his heires and Assignes, or any of theme, or any other p'son or p'sons whatsoev'r clamynge, p'tendinge or havinge any estait, interest, title or right in, and to the said howse w<sup>th</sup> thapp'tenance, or in or to any p'te or p'cell of the same, by, frome or under the said Jennett, hir heires and assignes, or any of theme, at any tyme or tymes hereafter for ever, That then this present obligacion to be utterlie void and of none effect, or els yt to stand, remayne and abide in full fforce, power, strengthe and vertue.

Sealed and delyu'ed the daie and yere w<sup>th</sup> in said in the p'sens of John Hanson of Woodhouse ; Thomas Wilkynson of Ovenden ; John Hutchinson ; EDWARD STANCEFEILD of Arrenden ; Richard Waterhouse of Myrewall, in Sowerby ; Thomas Wilkinson, William Learoyd and Xpofer Waterhouse of Hallyfax.

### III.—THOMAS STANSFELD.

THOMAS STANSFELD, son and heir of Laurence, married ALICE MITCHELL, of Heptonstall, and had issue, Thomas, Laurence and Nicholas, sons ; Elizabeth (married Richard Fourness of Erringden), Margaret, Jennet (married Henry Waterhouse), and Alice, daughters. The arms of Mitchell are : Sable, a chevron, or, between three escallops, argent. They are painted on the roof of the chancel of Halifax parish church, along with an escallop for crest, which seems to be or.

He is mentioned in the following deeds :—

1552. John Denton of Barksland (alias Jenkyn Denton), granted by deed, 26th December, 6 Edward V<sup>r</sup>. [1552], to Edward Tattersall of Sowerby, an annuity of £1, for four years, out of two messuages, &c., in Barksland. Witnesses, Will. Prestlay, THO. STANCEFIELD, and John Maud of Trem-yngham.
1558. Deed of Composition of Halifax rectorial tithes.  
 Thomas Stansfelde for his own proper lands in Sowerby 3 9  
 Thomas Stansfelde of Stansfelde, for his own proper  
     lands called Holingerake Holme 2  
 ——— Item, for &c. in Langefeld called Horsewoode 4  
 ——— Item, for &c. called Higgyne Chambre 1 3  
 ——— Item, for &c. in Estwoode w<sup>th</sup>in Stansfeld 3 4  
 ——— Item, for &c. in Soureby Deyne 1 5
1559. April 26. Wakefield Great Court. Robert Akroyd surrenders by THOMAS STANSFELD, the fourth part of 3½ acres with buildings, in the graveship of Sowerby, to the use of James Halylee and his heirs.
1561. *Lansdowne MSS. No. 11, fol. 36.* Within a list of freeholders of Yorkshire in 1561, occur in the liberty of Wakefield, Ric<sup>us</sup> Speyght, THOMAS STANSFELD, and EDWARDUS STANSFELD and others.

Thomas Stansfeld has already been mentioned, as the defendant in the proceedings of the Duchy court, respecting a moiety of Higginchamber. The following is an abstract of his will, followed by that of his wife.

*Vol. xvij. f. 413a.* Dated 11th October 1564, proved March 26th 1565.

THOMAS STANCEFELD of Hyginchamber in Sourbie, yoman, recites that he stands seazed in fee simple, in a messuage and certain cottages called Netherswyneshead, with lands &c. appertaining, in Langfield, purchased of Thomas Draper of Brodbothom; in occupation of testator and James Crabtree.

Also in three houses and a laithe called Horsewodde, with all lands &c. in Langfield, in occupation of Robert Crabtree, Robert Naller and Richard Whitcher.

Also of a close called Hollinrake Hollins in Stansfield.

He bequeathed them to his wife Alice, for 10 years, to pay debts; then as dower for life. Then to youngest son, Nicholas and his heirs, paying to sons Laurence and Thomas £10, after first 10 years. In default, to his four daughters, Elizabeth now wife of Richard Fournes, Margaret, Jenet now wife of Henrie Waterhouse, and Alice Stancefeld and their heirs.

Testator intends to make a deed tripartite, of said messuages and lands, to son Nicholas, with said remainder and reversion. John Mawde of Warley Wodde, an attorney to deliver seisin.

Has surrendered a messuage called Hygin chamber, and 12 acres of copyhold land, to John Maude for 10 years, to pay debts. Then to use of son Nicholas, with remainder to said four daughters and heirs.

He stands seized in fee simple, of a messuage and lands called Waddisworthe Royde, which he leaves to his wife for two years, to pay debts, and then as above.

“Also I give and bequithe to the said Nicolas Stancefeld my sone, two bothes in Bartilmew faire, at London, during the tittle that I have in the same.”

Bequeathed to his daughters, Margaret £30, and Alice £20, for their portion, and Elizabeth Fournes, and Jenet Waterhouse,

£3 6s. 8d. each. Residue to wife Alice, whom he appoints executrix; and as supervisors. John Lacye of Brereley gentelman, Thomas Grenewodd of Learninge, Richard ffournes of Ayrinden, and Henrie Waterhouse.

*Vol. xviii. folio 99b.* Dated 14th September 1568, proved 2nd March 1568-9.

ALICE, widow of THOMAS STANSFEILD of Hyinchamber, recites her husband's surrender to her use, for 10 years of Hyinchamber, 11 acres and 3 roods of land, and also 30 yards in length by 8 in breadth, to same p'tayning. She gives remainder of that term, to her son Nicholas, he paying to her sons, Thomas 50s, and Laurence 30s; also to said Thomas and Laurence 10s, and to Thomas and Richard, sons of Richard Fournes, 10s for rent.

After reciting other part of her husband's will, assigns property therein, to William Greenwood of Learninges and Henry Waterhouse of Sowerby, during residue of ten years; paying to daughters Margaret £30, Alice £20, and £10 of her mother's free gift, and to Elizabeth, wife of Richard Fournes £3. 6s. 8d., &c. &c.

"To son Nicholas, one tenter, foure pair of loomes, with healds and slays p'taining unto them, one counter, one meale ark, one almye and a syde borde, all myn iron geare, except one brandrethe. I gyve and bequeath to Margaret my daughter, one plowe and one Harrowe. To son Laurence, two paire of walker sheares. To William Skelton, one pair of walker sheres. And the residue of my walker sheres, I gyve and bequeathe to the said Nicholas Stansfeild, my son."

She also gives all her pots, pans &c. to her daughters; and appoints as her executors, Henry Mytchell of parish of Heptonstall, and Xpofer Mytchell, clerk, parson of Christelton, her brethren; Nicholas Mitchell of Stryndes being witness.

The Mitchells were a large and important family in the district. Besides the Christopher Mitchell, parson of Castleton, named in the will, two other contemporary members of the family were in holy orders. Sir Richard Mitchell succeeded Sir Gilbert Stansfeld, as curate of Heptonstall in 1558, after having been a chaplain there in 1538. He died in 1559. Sir William Mitchell occurs as clerk, from 1572 to 1598; but he does not seem to have been curate of Heptonstall, but most probably of Crostone. He was buried 26th July, 1598.

There is nothing in the wills of Thomas Stansfeld and Alice his widow, to indicate positively, whether Thomas or Laurence was the eldest son. Whitaker gives the former; but as the father, in bequeathing to Nicholas his youngest son, mentions the elder ones as Laurence and Thomas; and again, as the brother Nicholas, in reciting a deed, gives them in the same order, there is good evidence to suppose that Whitaker's pedigree is wrong. Foster, *Yorkshire Pedigrees*, in following the last named, states that Thomas Stansfeld of Sowerby, parish of Haworth, married Jennett, and that his will is dated 15th March, 43 Elizabeth [1600-1], and proved 30th April following. But this is an error, for in the will alluded to, Sowerby which is in the parish of Halifax, has been misread for Stanburie, in the parish of Haworth.

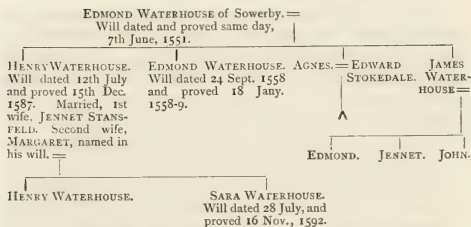
From Nicholas Stansfeld, the youngest son, were descended the Stansfelds of Wadsworth, who will be mentioned in a separate chapter. Margaret, the second daughter, seems to have married a Dixon of Sowerby, presuming that the following will belongs to her:—

*Vol. xxviii, folio 243b.* Dated 13th February, 1599-1600, proved 28th October, 1600.

Margaret Dicksonn of Sowerby, widow, bequeathed forty shillings to the poor of Sowerby. She mentions her sister Alice Wade. Also John, Jane, Marie and Easter, children of Richard Fournes; John Fournes of the Carr; Grace, wife of Thomas Fournes, and George their son; Marie, wife of George Hopkinson, and Michael their son; Grace, wife of Robert Doughty; Samuel Hilelee [Highley]; and ABRAHAM, LUKE, CHARLES and MARIE STANSFELD. Executors, Thomas and George Fournes.

The above legatees are mostly relatives. Richard Fourness married testatrix' elder sister Elizabeth. His will, dated 1582, mentions his wife Elizabeth, and children Elizabeth, Thomas, George and Richard Fourness.

Jennet, the third daughter of Thomas and Alice Stansfeld, married Henry Waterhouse of Sowerby. The following sketch gives one or two generations of this large and important family, which were resident in Sowerby.



The will of Sara Waterhouse, proves the connection with the Stansfelds ; and it is evident therefrom, that Margaret, the widow of Henry Waterhouse who died in 1587, must have been a second wife. Sara Waterhouse mentions in her will, Abraham, Luke, and Charles Stansfeld, and the children of John Wade of Chastletown, and bequeathed the residue of her estate, to Thomas and George Fourness of Blackwood. Thomas Fourness was appointed guardian of the testatrix, in the will of her father in 1587.

#### IV.—LAURENCE STANSFELD.

LAURENCE STANSFELD, son of Thomas Stansfeld, married ELIZABETH —, and had issue, Nicholas, son and heir, Laurence, Thomas, Grace, married Henry Hole, Elizabeth and Sara. His name occurs as a party, evidently in trust, in the following deed.

1569—John Horsfall junior, of Eastwood, son and heir of John Horsfall senior, LAURENCE STANSFELD and John Eastwood, convey to Richard Horsfall junior, brother of the said John Horsfall junior, a messuage, called Blackshayroid, a garden and four closes of land and meadow, in occupation of Thomas Sutcliff and Alan Greenwood alias Sutcliff, a messuage and tenement called Grenehirste alias Birkes, two gardens and four closes of land, meadow, wood and pasture, in Stansfeld, in occupation of Thomas Holland and William Horsfall. 10th August 11th Elizabeth.

He is mentioned, as having land in Stansfeld, in the will of George Banister of Hebden Bridge, dated 19th August 1588, and proved 29th January 1595-6.



He made his will in 1591, and the remark has been made in one of the printed pedigrees, "Does not mention his son Nicholas, whom it is inferred he disinherited." But this by no means follows; and instances are not rare, in which the son and heir is not mentioned in a will, having been previously provided for, either on his marriage, or by a surrender of copyhold estate. And instances are very common, where, although the son and heir is mentioned, as executor, supervisor &c. no legacy is bequeathed to him, for the same reasons. But although, in the following will, Nicholas Stansfeld, son and heir, is not named; yet a search made a hundred years ago, distinctly names Nicholas, eldest son, probably obtained from the probate.

*Vol. xxiv. f. 733a.* Dated 28th June, proved 10th November 1591.

LAURENCE STANSFELD of S'biedein, bequeathed to his second son Laurence, 4 messuages, tenements &c. lands &c. in Stansfeld, in tenure of Richard Horsfall, Robert Clegge, Margaret Mytchell, widow, and Richard Sharpe.

To his youngest son Thomas, a messuage called Horsfall, and also two closes of land (now divided into three), called Radwell banke in Stansfeld, in occupation of Robert Crosseley, John Clegge and John Lawe.

To his wife Elizabeth, and daughters Elizabeth and Sara, all goods, and rents of lands if necessary, to make their portions £46 13s 4d each. Mentioned his eldest daughter, Grace, wife of Henry Hole; and ordained Henry Haghe of Norland, and Edmund Hole of Brundacre, supervisors.

Other daughters and sons-in-law are mentioned in the will of Nicholas Stansfeld, his son and heir. One of the former, called sister Isabell Haghe, explains the appointment of Henry Haghe, as one of the supervisors; and it is not improbable, that she was the wife of Thomas, son of Henry Haigh, mentioned as deceased, in his will.

*Vol. xxxvi. folio 321a.* Dated 22nd March 1618-9, proved 8th February 1620-1.

Henry Haighe of Norland, bequeathed £100 out of his copyhold estates, surrendered for that purpose to Thomas Haighe and others, to John, Sara and Grace, younger children of his late son Thomas Haighe deceased.

The other sisters named by Nicholas Stansfeld, are Grace, wife of Henry Hoole, Elizabeth wife of Thomas Siddell, Blanche wife of Richard Horsfall, and Sara wife of Thomas Jackson.

#### V.—NICHOLAS STANSFELD.

NICHOLAS STANSFELD, son and heir of Laurence, married at Halifax in 1591, SUSAN HOPKINSON, and had issue, James, son and heir, and Laurence. John Hopkinson resided at Higginchamber in 1602, and was husband of Helen, who founded along with her sister Jane Crowther, Crowther and Hopkinson's charity at Halifax.

*Vol. xxix. f. 306a.* Dated 31st August 1599, proved 11th June 1604.

NICHOLAS STANSFEILD of Norland, yeoman, bequeathed to his second son Laurence, and his heirs, 3 messuages, lands &c. in Stansfeld, in tenure of Christopher Wilcocke, Elizabeth Hellywell and Matthew Lee, and the reversion of them, at death of his mother, Elizabeth Stansfeild widow, who holdeth the same, for the term of her life in dower. To eldest son and heir, James, and his heirs, the residue of all lands and tenements; but to Laurence £10 yearly, out of all copyhold lands, for 8 years. He appointed Edward Hopkinson and Henry Hoole, to whom the copyhold lands were surrendered in trust, guardians of both children, and executors. He ordained that his brother, Thomas Stansfeild, should enjoy two closes called Banckes for life; and bequeathed small legacies to his sisters Isabell Haghe, Grace wife of said Henry Hoole, Elizabeth wife of Thomas Siddell, Blanche wife of Richard Horsfall, and Sara wife of Thomas Jackson; and to Nathan Carter, Jeremy Brigg, Isak Bates, Arthur Webster and Henry Haghe.

Laurence, the younger son, married on the 20th May 1617, Abigail, daughter of Henry Sharrock M.A., the curate of Ripponden, with whom Watson's list commences. She was baptized 11th November 1593, and her father was evidently a popular parish priest. His first mention occurs in the Elland register of baptisms:—

2 Oct. 1586. Theophilus f. Henrici Sharrock, ministri Ripponden.

He held the living twenty-six years, and the entry of his burial shews, that he held a pre-eminent office amongst the neighbouring clergy.

7 Feb. 1612-3. Mr. Henricus Sharrock, minister et Evangelij p'edicator apud Ribonden et Ruralis Decanus.

Other children named in Elland registers, are Adam, Simeon, and John. Henry Sharrock occurs frequently in the wills of the period. He was witness to those of James Scholefield of Ripponden, clothier, in 1587; of James Hoylroyd of Brook Granes; with Adam Morris and James Metcalf, clerks, was a legatee for 20s. in the will of Janet, widow of John Mawd of Shibden, who had a tenter in Soyland; in 1592, in the will of Richard Hoole of Lighthazles, yeoman; in 1594, had 5s., with three other clergy, in the will of Richard Hoyle of Threapscroft; in 1595, had 6s. 8d. in the will of John Hoole of Crowwellshaies, clothier; was witness to the wills of Christopher Dyson of Stanningden, and John Gleydhill of Barkisland in 1594; to the will of Richard Mawnde of the Brune Moor, Elland, in 1598; and with his son, Theophilus, in 1601, to the will of Gyles Bolton of Ecksley; in 1602, was legatee in Anne Norman's will; in 1603, had 10s. in the will of Gyles Bolton of the Hill in Warley; was named as joint occupant of land, in the will of John Firth of Royd, Sowerby, yeoman, in 1606; witness in 1608, to the will of Wm. Eastwood of Stanningden, clothier; and the same year had 10s. in the will of Thomas Horton of Barkisland; had a bequest of 30s. in 1609, in the will of Richard Naler of Brundackers, in Erringden, yeoman; and in 1612, had £4 left to him by Naler's widow, Emma, "which was owing to her by Peter Spincke of York, merchant;" as M.A. was supervisor of the will of Thomas Prestley of Goodgreave, in 1610; in 1621, had 20s. in the will of Gilbert Reynier of Ribonden, clothier, Symeon Sharrock being a witness; and 5s. in the will of Mary Denton of Soyland, spinster.

Theophilus Sharrock M.A. succeeded his father, as curate of Ripponden; and his burial is thus recorded, under 14th June 1623.

Theophilus Sharrock, fidelis verbi Dei, minister apud Ribon[den].

Laurence Stansfeld had issue, Nicholas, Martha and James, mentioned in his will :—

*Vol. xxxviii. f. 394b.* Dated 2nd May 1623, proved 1st April 1625.

LAURENCE STANSFELD of Barkisland, yeoman, bequeathed to his brother, James Stansfeld, with John Hopkinson of the Landendes in Sowerby, yeoman, and Hugh Rigbye of Hudhouse, in the parish of Burnley, yeoman, two houses in Stansfeld, in occupation of John Whitwham and Michael Hellewell, and of testator, to sell, and pay one third price thereof, to his wife Abigail, £18 to eldest son Nicholas, £27 to two younger children Martha and James, and residue to his wife, to bring up his said three children. He left his goods, one third to his wife, another to his children, and the last third to bring up his children. Theophilus Sharrocke, Simeon Sharrocke and Samuell Drake were witnesses.

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#### VI.—JAMES STANSFELD.

JAMES STANSFELD, son and heir of Nicholas Stansfeld, born 1592, married in 1612, MARTHA, sister of Richard Bentley of Sowerby. He is called of Stansfeld Pond at Lane ends, and his issue is given as, Josias, son and heir, Timothy, James and Susan. It will be seen, however, that only two children are mentioned in his will, Josias and Joshua. The similarity of these two names, may have caused them to be taken for the same person, and so occasioned the omission of the latter, in the Heralds' College pedigree. A misreading of the former, in the original will, caused in another pedigree, the name, John, to appear as that of the eldest of three sons. Sowerby Dean and Pond are both ancient names, for what is now called the Lodge, Triangle; the mill attached thereto, being still known as Stansfeld Mill.

*Index 1636 to 1652.* Dated 22nd February 1648-9, proved 29th May 1650.

Be it known unto all men, that I, James Stansfeld of Sowerby, doe this day make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and forme following. First my will is, that all the debts I owe, be paid by my executor, hereafter named, as speedily as may bee; and seeing I have sundry good sums of money

owing to me, by sundry persons and late merchants of Yorke, viz.: of Samuel Breary deceased £63, of Michael Sechbar deceased £33, of John Moore of Stockton £33, of Thomas Dawson £35, of Richard Huit £14, of Willm. Brooke £14, of Richard Clarke £13, and of the Parliamt. uppon Publique faith, lent att Sundree times, £18 ; part of wh<sup>ch</sup> debts to mee I doubt will be lost, and many of the rest but slowlie paid.

Wherefore for the better and more speedy payment of what I owe, itt is my will and minde, and I do hereby give unto my Brother in Lawe Richard Bently, and James Robinsonn of Bowode, and their heirs, all those my freehold landes and Tenements, lying and being in Norlande, with all buildings thereuppon builded, now in the tenure or occupation of Michael Carter and mee, James Stansfeld, or my Assignees, to have and to hold the said landes, Tenements and premises, with all the appurtenances, to the said Richard Bently and James Robinsonn, and their heirs for ever, in trust and confidence, and of the intent, that they, the said Richard and James, and the heirs of the survivors of them, shall make sale of the said landes and premises, as shortly as may bee, at as high and full a rate as possibly itt will give, and so paye, or cause the whole money the same is sould for, to be paid to my Executor, for the more speedy discharge and payment of my debts.

Yett my will and minde is, that Josias Stansfeld my son, would buy it of them, before any others ; if soe hee bee willing to give as much for itt as another will. And what part of the money the said lande is sould for, with what part of my debts, also, that can be rec<sup>d</sup> or recovered and gott in, which shall remayne when my debts is fully paid, I give the same, with all my goods and chattells, wholly to my son, Joshua Stansfeld, his executors, administrators or assigns.

Butt if it should fall out, that not soe much as the debts owing to me, with the money the landes be sould for, will not extend to paye the debts I owe, then my will and desire is, that my son Josias Stansfeld, would bee pleased to allow the whole yearly profitts of those two fulling Millnes and their landes, letten to the Millner, now lying on the west side of the Brooke, with one houlme called Millne houlme, wh: I enjoy, whilst I live here, may be taken up and employed, for the payment of the residue of my debts, untill the same be fully discharged. And also, until the yearly profitts of the said landes and milnes have made up the sum of £40 more, towards the help and prefermt. of my son Joshua,

his brother, to be paid to him, when he cometh to have ended his apprenticeship with Mr. Leaver [?] att London. And I desire my son Josias, also to take order, whether he himself live or not, that other £40 may be payde to Joshua, my son above said, at the end of five years, next after the end of Joshua his apprenticeship.

Also, I do hereby appoint and make Josias Stansfeld, my son, sole executor of this my last Will and Testament ; but if he refuse to undertake the said offer, then I do hereby make his brother Joshua, my sole executor of this my last will ; hoping, notwithstanding, that my son Josias will undertake to do his endeavor, to see this my last will performed. In witness whereof, I hereby set my hand and seal, the day above said. These being witnesses, Richard Bentley and Josias Stansfeld.

The explanation of this peculiar reference to the elder son, Josias, is that, previously to the date of his will, viz. in 1647, James Stansfeld, of Sowerby Dean, surrendered a messuage and lands &c. and a fulling miln and Milneholm, to the use of Josias Stansfeld his son and heir apparent. He himself obtained possession of the mill, then in tenure of Thomas Stansfeld of Sowerby Dean, evidently upon the death of his uncle Laurence, as he is called in the Wakefield court roll, in 1612 :—

Jacobus Stansfeld consang. et here. Laurentii nuper de Sowerby, def.

The above date, 1612, coincides with that of his marriage to Martha Bentley, at Halifax ; and it is readily imagined, how the succession to his uncle's property, would enable him to provide for such an important change in his life. The clothiers of those days, were a cautious, thrifty class ; and the puritanism of the family, into which James Stansfeld married, would tend to deepen those characteristics in him and his offspring. It certainly supplied them with names, as the puritans have always been fond, notwithstanding their exclusive pretensions to evangelicism and the "pure gospel," of Jewish names in the old testament, in preference to christian names in the new. And now, instead of the old family names, Laurence, Thomas, Nicholas and James, all conveying, more or less, christian reminiscences, we find the judaistic character of the new religion,

represented by such names, in the succeeding generation, as Josias and Joshua, and in another generation, the seven brothers are called Timothy, Joshua, Samuel, James, Ely, Josiah and John.

The Richard Bentley, named in the will of James Stansfeld, as his brother-in-law, was the father of Timothy, Eli and Daniel Bentley. Eli Bentley was the puritan minister occupying the vicarage of Halifax, when vicar Marsh, dean of York, returned to his own again. Daniel Bentley was the curate of Sowerby Bridge, and was buried 2nd March, 1659-60. Oliver Heywood, in his account of the Independents of Sowerby, mentions both their parents :—

“Others there were of Mr. Root’s society, severall whereof are dead, and some others fallen off, and joyn with no society.

1. Mr. Robert Tillotson, yet living, but deserted Mr. Root in his life time. [He was father to John Tillotson, after Archbishop of Canterbury, aged 90.]

2. Mr. Richard Bentley, Mr. Eli Bentley’s father, a solid good christian, kept his integrity, dyed of a palsey in Halif. about the year 1650. [Dead.]

3. Sarah Bentley his wife, yet living, but ancient, and not able to travel about. [Now dead A.D. 1670.]”

The portions in brackets, were added at subsequent periods. The other trustee in the will, James Robinson of Bowood, made his will in 1662. His children, named therein, are John, Israel, Joshua, Josias, Jeremy, Mary (Milner) and Anna (Hewitt); and amongst the bequests to his wife, Grace, is a pocket watch.

Joshua, second son of James Stansfeld, commanded a company of militia in 1642, under lord Fairfax, at the battle of Adwalton Moor, who was routed there by the royalist commander, the earl of Newcastle. He died about 1680.

Mention has been made in another place, of the greaveship of Sowerby, which contained the three townships of Sowerby, Soyland, and Warley. In a rental of the king’s rents, belonging the greaveship of Sowerby, in the manor of Wakefield, dated 1608, occurs the name of James Stansfeld, for a freehold messuage in Sowerby Dean, and one fulling mill—4s. 2d., compounded for £3 12s. 11d. And in the articles of every greave occurs :—

No 59. Sowerby. JAMES STANSFELD, for a mess. called Stansfield Clough, 4s.

Helps. Sam. Gaukroger, for a mess. called Southerhouse, 4s.

Abr: Sunderland, for a mess. near Turnley, 3s.

Joshua Dixon, for two messuages near Annabutley in Turvin.

4s. 9d.

ABR. STANSFELD, for a messuage called Higginchamber, 1s. 2d.

Minister of Sowerby, for a mess. called Coldhindle, 1s. 2d.

There were sixty greaves, and every helper had to pay to the head greave 4d. for every penny of lord's rent, and so after that rate, for a greater or less sum. James Stansfeld was also constable of Sowerby, for the year ending 16th October 1638; and his statement of disbursements whilst in office, is given below, from the book of accounts 1629-1706. In addition, are a few entries from the accounts of other constables, in which the name occurs.

#### JAMES STANSFELD, YEAR ENDING 16TH OCTOBER 1638.

Imprimis, October 30, spent at Sowerby, in seasinge the shippmoney.	0 7
It. Novem. 24th. Spent in goeinge w <sup>th</sup> privye search, and to see they licenses of Alewives.	4
It. Decemb <sup>r</sup> 15th. Pd. for a warrant, for Edmund Hylely and Susan Wadsworth, for bruinge w <sup>th</sup> out license.	1 0
It. Decem. 9th, to Mr. Peter Sunderland, for an quitance for shippmoney, 4d; and spent for a pint of wine, when I pd. him, 6d; in all.	10
It. Decem. 10th. to John Heworth and Henery Banistr <sup>r</sup> who were taken and punished at Halifax, and sent to Standigge, 4d; and to one to carry them 2d; in all.	6
It. the 12th. given to John Milner of Askew <sup>th</sup> in Westmerland, Gent. who had lost 600 <sup>lb</sup> by fire and suretyshippe, had a passe.	4
It. feb. 13th. to John Greene, Gent. his wife and one child, travellinge to Scotland.	9
It. feb. 14th. to John Cattlaw, for wippinge of Willm. Rudd and Abed Rudd of Ratchdall, who were taken begginge.	3



It.	spent of them and the said Cattlaw.	3
It.	feb 8th. to Willm. Johnes, his wife and one child, who came from y <sup>e</sup> King's surgions, for meate and drinke and 2d. in money, 6d.; and for 2 horses and a man, to cary them, other 6d.; in all.	1 0
It.	March 27th. Spent on the Harfeuant.	3
It.	May 18th. to Willm. Buttler, and Mathew Coward, gent. who lost a shipp.	8
It.	May 25th. to Robert Savill of Meddley, and his wife.	3
It.	May 26th. to Edmund Ogden, for makeinge and upphouldinge the Butts.	2 0
It.	May 26th. for lodgeinge an Irish Gent <sup>w</sup> oman, Mrs. Mary Owen Carty, 2 nyghts and a day, w <sup>th</sup> 4 child. and 4d. given her in money.	1 6
It.	May 29th. at Eland at sessions.	6
It.	June 5th. John and Robert Savill, had a passe.	4
It.	June 15th. to Edward Wassy and Garett Smolet, who had the King's broad seale.	6
It.	August 8th. to David Dicksonn, for wiping of Martha Heape, as was con[victed].	6
It.	the same day, spent in takinge the said Martha, and carringe her before Mr. Farr <sup>r</sup> .	4
It.	Au. 22d. pd. to Abraham Lumbe, for a rest.	8
It.	for a sword belt, for th' common men.	1 8
It.	to John Cooke, for mending a plate.	?
It.	for 2 paire paniere, to carry y <sup>e</sup> Towne Armour in.	3 4
It.	August 23d. spent in 16 soldiers and my selfe, at Wakfeld.	4 0
It.	pd. they common men in wages, for 2 dayes.	1 12 0
It.	to him y <sup>t</sup> vewed the Armes.	1 0
It.	to John Horsfall and John farrar, for carringe and recarringe 8 pikes.	4 0
It.	to Nathan Hoyle, for caringe and recaringe 2 loade of Armour.	8 0
It.	paid for 3 pound and a halfe of gunpowder, for common souldiers.	7 6
It.	Sept. 6th. pd. for a sword belt, for John Horsfall.	1 0
It.	for match, for y <sup>e</sup> Souldiers.	8

It. to Ab. Lummbe, for dressing the muskitts and makinge a pann lid.	1	2
Sept. 6th. and 7th. pd. to 16 Souldiers, for 2 dayes traininge, and every man either day 9d. to drink in ale.	1	9 4
It. for carring 16 cappes.		3
It. more in powder.		4
It. spent in 2 dayes, 6d. a day beinge.	1	0
It. Sep. 15th. for 5 pounds of powder, and carringe from Yorke, and 2d spent.	10	6
It. for 6 yards of match.		11
It. for mendinge a rest.		2
It. Sep. 17th. and 18th. pd. 16 souldiers, for 2 dayes. And spent of them in a'le.	1	6 8
It. spent on my selfe, 2 dayes.		4 0
It. Sep. 20th. spent in goeing to Ottley, my selfe, Isaac Naylor and John flowerne.	1	0
It. Sep. 25th. spent on them yt. came about tobacco. [Petition &c. about cottages.]	4	8
It. to ux. Willm. Dobsonne, for keepinge Towne Armour.	2	
It. given to 8 searchers for cloath, for 8 punches.	10	0
It. Disbursed for th' repair of Mithom Royde Brigge, for our towne, more then was granted us at sessions, 5lb. 8s. 4d, whereof our p't commeth to.	8	0
Money disbursed to the high constable.	2	14 2
Imprimis De. 16th. for his maties p'vision for oxen, towards the repaire of Walchforth, Gargreave, Skippbridgge and Rotherome brdge, for Collonel ffarrar, his fee, and for the Gov'nour of ye house of correctionn.		
It. feb. 24th. for the releife of ye visited people in Kingstone-uppon-Hull.	2	1 8
It. feb. 24th. for the repaire of Lintonn, Gargreave and the Walsforth bridges, for ye releife of ye prisoners in Yorke Castell, and for the governour of the house of Correctionn.	1	9 5
It. May 5th. for ye releife of they visited people in Kingstone-uppon-Hull.	14	0
It. May 12th. for the repaire of Wetherby, Ilkley and Walchforth bridges.	2	7 8
	1	6 11

It. May 26th. towards the wages of the gov'nour of ye house of correctionn, at Wakfeild, towards ye repaire of the sd. house, for the repaire and furnishinge of Castellforth and Meathly Bridgges.	1 2 8
It. May 26th. for the repaire of Wakfeld Bridgge and Chappell, and for the repaire of ferry Bridgge.	14 6
It. June 2d. for the repaire of Huthersfeld Bridgge.	4 8 0
It. June 16th. ye repaire of Couper Bridgge, and for increasinge of his M <sup>ties</sup> purveyors allow- ance, 3s. 4d. in an oxe.	2 10 0
It. August 25th. towards ye repaire of Mithöroyde Bridge, for Collonell ffarrers fee, and for ye releife of they prisoners in Yorke Castell.	12 8

In the accounts of HENRIE WILSON :—

1639-40. February 1. Spente the same daye on JAMES STANSFEILDE, ffrancis Priteley and myselfe, at the clarke of markett, beinge at Halifaxe.	1 2
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In the accounts of JOHN FFOURNES :—

1640. Octob. 7. It. paid to Mr. Midgley and his man, for a search of the Courte Roules, and a coppye of the same, and also for exammininge the sayd coppye by the Roules, before witt- nesse, and enteringe it in the Constable's Booke.	10 0
It. payd to MR. STANSFEILD for his fee.	15 0

In the accounts of JOHN MITCHELL of Fieldhouse :—

1644-5. January the 11, spent of JAMES STANS- FELD and myselfe, and 2 horses, in goinge to Pomfrit.	6
1645. May the 5, spent in going to Leds, aboute the Scotess sesment, of Jeremy Bently, JAMES STANSFELD, John Deardin and my selfe.	8 0
1649. Paid by JOSIAS STANSFELD, 22 May 1649, for being discharged of 2 teames, for carrying away of guns and other materialls, and for Josias charges to Pomfrett, in all is.	2 0 4

In the accounts of JOSIAS STANSFELD, Constable in 1672 :—

1672. May 3. In charges of my self and horse, in rideing to Adwalton, to answer a war <sup>t</sup> what loose and unknowne persons wee had.	I 6
May 10. for charges for my self and horse, in rydeing to thornhill bridge, beefore Sir Jno. Armitage and Sir Jno. Kay, to give a further acco <sup>t</sup> of loose persons, according to war <sup>t</sup>	I 2
May 20th. for charges in goeing to Nunbrooke, to make returne of all Bruers, within our libertie.	I 4
June 13th. paid to a man for waiteing on Thomas Coopmann, being apprehended as a loose person, and caried beefore Mr. Farrar.	I 4

In the accounts of JOHN DICKSON :—

1686. Aprill 12, gave JOSIAS STANSFIELD, when he went to the Generall Quarter Sessions, att Pontefracte, concerning Mithom Royd Bridge.	I 10 0
paid for my horse, thre days to the same sessions.	3 0

In the accounts of JOHN STANSFELD, constable in 1689 :—

1689. Aug. 20, paid unto the constables of Halli- fax, our proporcion of the charges of the officers, belonging to the Duke of Boulton's regem <sup>t</sup> in going unto Bradford, Bouling, Manningham and other places, to charge horses, for their assistance to Ratchdale.	6 1½
Jany. 1st. spent in going to assist the constables of Hallifax, in distraining upon Randle goods, being injoynd by an order, under the hands and seales of 3 of their Majesties deputy leutenants.	I 0
July 15, for my journey to Wakefeild, to answer to a warrant, requiring the names of all Papists within our Constabry, to be given in, and them summonsed thear to appear.	4 0

The above accounts offer a contemporary view, of the history of  
the middle of the seventeenth century, in the stirring times of

the last English civil war. The Rev. Oliver Heywood, a presbyterian minister, and of undoubted puritan opinions, thus commented upon them, from his own experience :—

“Surely there is a gracious moving wheel of Providence in all these vicissitudes. Usurpers have had the seat of jurisdiction, have held the reins in their hands, and driven on furiously these twelve years. They commanded a toleration of *all but tender consciences*, cast off parliaments of their own appointment, at their pleasure, and threatened sequestration for all who would not fall down and worship the golden image of their own invention.”

Oliver Heywood is here writing of civil matters ; unless, indeed, the sting of his remarks, which lies in the tail, was not occasioned by a remembrance of like treatment of the presbyterians by independents and other dissenters, as the presbyterians, had given the Church. And like all other good old puritans, he could not see that his remarks relating to the civil power, and monarchy, applied quite as forcibly to the Church ; although the vicar of Halifax narrowly escaped the same fate, as his royal master.

#### VII.—JOSIAS STANSFELD.

JOSIAS STANSFELD, son and heir of James, was born in 1619, and died in 1702-3, being buried at Sowerby, on the 23rd March. He married MARTHA SWAYNE of Little Horton, in the parish of Bradford. Both he and his wife, were members of the Independent congregation formed by Mr. Root ; and upon his death, they joined Oliver Heywood's presbyterian body, on the 18th June, 1672. Their house at Breck, was useful to Heywood, when he visited Sowerby to preach, and several references occur in his diaries, &c:—

1671. On munday we came to Manch[ester], on tuesday to Ratchdale, preacht at Elizab. Haslams, on wednesday night, at JOSIAH STANSFELDS, in Sowerby, on thursday octob. 12 I came home.

1672. On friday may 31, we had a private day at JOSIAH STANSFIELD's house, where also I preacht—it was a good day blessed be god.

1672. Munday, came to Ratchdale, preacht twice there on thuesday. wednesday [Oct. 2] came over the edge, lodged at JOSIAH STANSFIELD'S.

1678. October 31. Thursday, I went to preach my Lecture in Sowrby, god graciously helpt, there was a great congregation, I dined at JOSIAH STANSFIELD'S, came home

1691-2. Jeremiah Wadington of Sourby, buried there feb. 9, aged 56, left his son to JOSIAH STANSFIELD.

1692-3. Joseph Galkroger of Sowrby-dean, had been at Halifax, Jan. 21, as he rode home fell ill, light at JOSIAH STANSFIELD'S, got him to make his will, died there that day, could not be got home.

1699. Sept. 22. JOSIAH STANSFIELD, Anthony Naylor, Abr: Bolton and Jonathan Priestley, were bondsmen to Oliver Heywood, for execution of covenants.

1702. Mar. 23rd. OLD JOSIA STANSFIELD of the Breck in Sowerby, bur. at Sowerby.

Richard Brooksbank of Shelf, yeoman, who made his will 4th February 1662, mentioned that he had given, 25th August 22 Chas. [1646], all his lands in Shelf, to his brother-in-law Samuel Swaine, late of Horton, and Josias Stansfeld of Sowerby, to the uses of his will. His son Joshua Brooksbank, in his will dated 4th April 1666, bequeathed to his uncle and aunt Stansfeld, £3 and a pair of boots, and to their children 20s. each. He also specially named his cozens, Timothy and Joshua Stansfeld.

In the roll of a subsidy, granted to Charles II. in 1664, occurs under Sowerby.

Josias Standfield *in terris.*     I 10 0

As has already been stated, Josias Stansfeld had seven sons, all of whom married and had issue. From this point, the pedigree must be carried down, from each of these seven sons; to whom many of the present members of the family have to ascend, in order to trace their relationship to each other. But of the seven sons, four have now no surviving male issue, the male issue of another is, no doubt, numerous, but obscure; and singularly enough, it is from the eldest and youngest sons, that

the present known descendants of the name are derived. The following entries of burials, in Sowerby register, no doubt, belong to this Josias.

- 1658. May 26. An infant of Josias Stansfield.
- 1659-60. March 5. A 2<sup>nd</sup> infant of Josias Stansfield.
- 1662. Nov<sup>r</sup> 14. A 3<sup>rd</sup> infant of Josias Stansfield.
- 1684. Feby. 23. Martha Stansfield.
- 1702-3. March 23. Josias Stansfield, senior.

An entry in Oliver Heywood's diary, may also well be given here, recording an instance, which does not often occur, in the history of any family :—

1679. May 19. munday I rode to JOSHUA STANSFELDS of little Horton, where Mr. Sharp and I, and many others, kept a day of thanksgiving, for the deliverance in child bearing, of 5 brothers wives, viz.: TIMOTHYS, JOSHUAS, SAMUELS, JAMESS, JOSIAHS STANSFELDS wives in childbed.

James Stansfeld and Josias Stansfeld were witnesses to a deed, relating to a messuage in the Roughhey in Norland, dated 18th April, 1645. On the 13th February, 1671-2, Elizabeth Lee of Sowerby, bequeathed to Josias Stansfeld £8, and appointed him sole executor. He was also executor of the will of Edward Wainhouse of Butterisse, in Norland, dated 18th September, 1686. The following is the marriage settlement of his fourth son :—

1677. August 27th. Indenture between JOSIAS STANSFELD of Sowerby, yeoman, and JAMES STANSFELD (one of the sons of said Josias) of the 1st pt.; JOSHUA STANSFELD (one other of the sons of said Josias) and Adam Mattershead of Macclesfield, Alderman, of the 2<sup>d</sup>. part, and George Hirst of Bradbury, Co: of Chester, yeoman, 3<sup>rd</sup> part.

In consideration of marriage between James Stansfeld and Anna Hirst, a daughter of George Hirst, the said George Hirst agrees to pay James Stansfeld £300 as a portion, and Josias Stansfeld cov<sup>ts</sup>. to settle upon them : Copyhold, two fulling mills under one roof, called Stansfeld Mill in Sowerby Dean, theretofore in the occup'on of JAMES STANSFELD deceased (father of said Josias) and of Josh. Whiteley, then or late of said Josias, and 2 crofts adjoining, and a cottage and a dwelling-house thereon erected. Freehold, a messuage,

barn, 2 gardens and closes called Uppermost Holme, Middle Holme, Lowest Holme, Shuttleholme, Tenter Bank and Scarr leading to the Shuttleholme, situate in Norland, then or late in the occupation of TIMOTHY STANSFELD.

As to the copyhold, to the use 'of Josias Stansfeld for life, paying to James Stansfeld during their joint lives, £13 6s. 8d. per annum, and to Anna after James' decease £20 per annum. Remainder to James Stansfeld, and the heirs of the marriage, chargeable as after. Remainder as to half the copyhold, to the use of JOSIAS STANSFELD (another son of said Josias) in fee, and as to the other half, to the use of JOHN STANSFELD (another son) in fee.

And as to the freehold, to the use of Josias Stansfeld sen<sup>r</sup> for life. Remainder to the use of James Stansfeld for life. Remainder to Anna Hirst for life. Remainder to the use of the heirs of the intended marriage, chargeable as afterward. Remainder to the heirs of the body of James Stansfeld. Remainder as to one moiety, to Josias Stansfeld jun<sup>r</sup> in fee, and as to the other, to John Stansfeld in fee.

Covenants from Josias Stansfeld sen<sup>r</sup> for title, subject to dower of MARTHA, wife of JOSIAS STANSFELD senior.

Executed by Josias, James and Joshua Stansfeld, in the presence of Timy. Bentley, John Stansfeld and Edw<sup>d</sup>. Davenport.











## CHAPTER VIII.

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### SOWERBY CHURCH.

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**S**OREBI occurs in Domesday, as one of the nine berewics attached to Wakefield. It was, before the church at Halifax was built, evidently the capital of Sowerbyshire ; and is mentioned first, amongst the eight berewics, which are in the ancient parish of Halifax. Sowerbyshire was also known as the forest of Hardwick, and when the Danes or Danish kings became possessed of the district, they expressed in their own language, the original meaning of the place. It is easily understood, by anyone standing upon the site of an old fort or camp, near the top of the town, and viewing the steepness of the ascent, from the Ryburn valley, on the one hand, and Caldervale on the other, and the magnificent military position it occupies, as commanding the two passes over and through the border hills of Lancashire and Yorkshire ; how *Sowerby* (the sure village) and *Hardwick* (the strong village) equally express the situation of the place.

When Hameline, earl Warren, granted to Jordan son of Askolf, his inheritance in Sowerbyshire, it is evident that the lordship of the manor of Sowerby was not included, as it remains to this day, portion of the manor of Wakefield. Possibly the fact of Sowerby and Warley being a forest, excluded them from the grant, and the other portions of Sowerbyshire, not granted to Jordan, had already been subinfeudated ; as, for instance, Halifax to the priory of Lewes. Watson's *History of Halifax* treats at some length, upon the manor and territory of

Sowerby, so that it is unnecessary here, to state much more than that the townships of Sowerby, Soyland and Warley, were united in the greaveship of Sowerby.

The first erection of a church at Sowerby must be placed, in default of any evidence, even as suppositious as that relating to Crostone, to the period of religious activity immediately preceding the Reformation. For, although the great provision of endowments in that period, seems only to have whetted the covetousness of the ruined spendthrifts of a luxurious court; yet it was, without doubt, the commencement of a great religious revival in the Church. This, but for the intervention of foreign puritanism from Geneva and elsewhere, might have resulted in an even greater and more successful exhibition of an ancient branch of the Catholic Church, purifying itself from the corruptions of the times, throwing off the shackles of a foreign bishop, and uniting in itself, on the broad basis of catholic doctrine and apostolic discipline, all the religious life of a great and powerful nation.

In her will, dated 3rd August, 1521, Alicia Holroyde, after directing her body to be buried in the parish church of Halifax, and bequeathing 6s. 8d. to that church, and her best beast to the vicar as mortuary, adds :—

“ Itm : lego usu capelle de Sourby, viijs. p’ uno sopite exinde faciend : ”

In the will of John Baites of Bradshay, dated 15th September, 1521, occurs :—

“ Itm. I bequeath to th’use of the chapell of o’ lady of Soureby, viijs. Itm. I bequeath to the beldying of Soureby brig, xjs. viiijd.”

But it is probable, that the above is a miscopy for Sowerby Bridge chapel, as that at Sowerby is dedicated to Saint Peter. And although the dedication of Sowerby Bridge chapel has been altered, in modern times, from S. Mary’s to Christ church; yet it cannot be conceived of Sowerby puritanism, to rob the memory of the B.V.M. the Mother of Christ, to add that of S. Peter, the patron saint of Rome. Still Watson refers to the surrender of

the ground, which states that Sowerby Bridge chapel was built 17th Henry VIII. (1525-6), on a parcel of land, 26 yards in length and 8 in breadth. And in the will of John Crabtree, dated 27th January 1526-7, is bequeathed :—

“Also to the *new* chapell at Soureby brig xls. Itm. to Sourby brig x<sup>s</sup>.”

The legacy of John Baites, however, speaks of the chapel of our Lady, as if in full use ; so that, after all, it must refer to Sowerby. In July 1513, Edward Bates of Sowerby, bequeathed 24s. to the chapel of Sowerby. John Dykson's will, dated 27th September 1517, contains the following clauses :—

“Itm: do et lego capelle de Soureby, sex decem den'rios firme p'cipiend. annuatim de quod'm, tenemente vocat. Smythie. Itm. do et lego ffabrice lapidij ponte apud Sowerby predict. sex solidos et octo. den'ios.”

On the 25th February 1536, Gilbert Ryley of Sowerby, made his will in substance as follows :—

He bequeathed his soul to Almighty God, our Lady Saint Mary, and to all the holy company of heaven ; and his body to be buried in the churchyard of S. John the Baptist, of Halifax. Mortuary to the vicar. “Also I gyve to the chapell of Sourbye vjs. viiij. Itm. I gyve towards a chambre buyldyng at the said chapell vjs. viiij. Also I wyll that James Ryley, Margarete Ryley and Jenet Ryley have a rewarde of my goodes, at the handes of myne executor. Also I will that all surrenders of landes and barganes of the same, wiche I have gyven up in to the hands of John Baites, to th'use of the said chappell of Sourbye, and to th'use of the said Margaret Ryley, stand firme and stable, as the courte of Wakefield will admitte and suffre.” To John Roid 33s. 4d. ; and the residue to his father, William Ryley, whom he appointed his executor.

On the 8th April 1539, John Lome (Lumb) bequeathed “To the emend'cion of a bell, at the chapell of Sowrebie, vjs. viiij.”

Watson's list of curates of Sowerby commences with Adam Morris, who, he says, went chaplain to a regiment in Ireland, and was buried at Halifax, 24th September 1591. He was witness, or legatee, in several wills from 1567 ; and the Halifax

register of baptisms contains eight of his children, from 1568 to 1582, and that of burials records :—

“xxiiij. Sept. 1591. Mr. Adam Morres, ministr. of Sower :”

In 1603, Gyles Bolton of the Hall in Warley, left 5s. to :—

“Katharin Morrys, late wiede of Adam Morrys, clerke.”

The following additions may be made to Watson's list :—

1527. Sir Richard Oldfeld, chaplayne, witnessed the will of Richard Ryding of Sowerby, 6th June 1527.

1549. John Nicholl prest, witnessed that of Edwarde Tattersall of Fieldhouse, Sowerby, dated 4th June 1549.

1551. Richard Leiche, minister, is one of the witnesses to the will of Edmond Waterhouse of Sowerby, made 7th June 1551.

1554. Sir John Hilton, priest, occurs 14th March 1553-4.

1555. In the Halifax registers is a baptism :—

“8 Sept. 1555. Anthonius fili<sup>s</sup> filio Dni. Will<sup>i</sup> Jacson de Sourby.”

Oliver Heywood, in his diary for 4th August 1666, writes of a subsequent curate of Sowerby :—

“I lodged near Sowerby Bridge, with M<sup>tris</sup> Root, heard honest Mr. Jackson at Sowerby, on the Lord's day ; who, for aught he knew, preacht his last sermon there, being sadly opposed by Dr. Hook, vicar of Halifax.”

It is unfortunate for the memory of Dr. Hooke, that the gossip of Oliver Heywood anent him, has been published, without any corresponding publication of Dr. Hooke's views on the different matters. It must be remembered, however, that a preceding curate of Sowerby, the husband of Oliver Heywood's hostess on the above occasion, even whilst receiving his stipend as a presbyter under the Directory, or as a priest of the Church of England, up to the passing of the act of Uniformity, formed, and kept up, a congregation of independents, until his death in 1669. The *Gangrena*, published 1646, p. 216, of Thos. Edwards, minister of the gospel, shews the spirit in which the presbyterian ministers looked upon schism :—

“A minister in Yorkshire writes a letter to a minister of London, dated January 29, 1645, ‘Sects begin to grow fast in these

Northern parts, for want of a settlement in discipline. Mr. R[oote] hath gathered an independent congregation, in Halifax parish, and some others are about to do so also. I could wish we were reduced into Presbyteries, to prevent further mischief."

Dr. Hooke, as a faithful vicar, would have to do his duty; and his justification, apart from Heywood's observations against Mr. Roote, under date 1679, is amply shown in the following document, copied, although not published, by Watson:—

"I, Christopher Jackson, late of Sowerby, within the vicaridge of Halifax, do ingenuously acknowledge and cordially confess, that I have found Richard Hooke D.D., my very true and faithful friend. And I do further declare, I have been very imprudent, if not unchristian, in many particulars of my carriage towards him, to his wrong, and the offence of others, for all which I beg his pardon, and desire they may be buried in oblivion. And I do further signify, that the materials of those Queries, contain'd in a libel, lately dispers'd against the said Dr. Hooke, were in my thoughts unworthy, lying and groundless; and I am very sorry, that I have given any occasion, to him or others, that I shou'd be suppos'd to be the author, abettor or inventer of the same, promising for the future, to shew myself thankful for courtesies receiv'd, obedient to the Church, cautious to remove all scandal, and to be exemplarily active to promote Conformity, wherever I shall reside, and, more especially, in the vicaridge of Halifax, if, upon further satisfaction, I shall be allow'd by the said Dr. to officiate in any chapel, within the same.

CHR: JACKSON, clerk.

Witnesses: Tho: Hillington; Edm: Garforth; Jo: Hillington; Susannah Longbothom."

A still more curious relic of a Sowerby curate, is preserved by Watson, in his unpublished manuscripts. The author was the son of Josias Midgley of Headley, lord of the manor of Haworth, see James' *History of Bradford*, p. 338. He was buried, 10th May 1706, in his 34th year; and a monument to his memory still exists in Halifax church.

"Prayer compos'd and us'd by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Midgley, curate of Sowerby, who liv'd at Wood Lane, and was impos'd upon, by the art of a Servant Maid, who contriv'd to make him, and the neighbourhood, believe that the House was haunted.

"O Great Ruler of the World ! who can'st restrain the power of the Spirits of Darkness, and set them bounds, which they cannot pass ; who, since the coming of Thy Son into the world, very rarely suffers them to molest the professors of the Christian Faith, by terrible appearances, hideous shrieks, knockings, thumpings, or any tumultuous noises ; yet we, Thy servants, being under great consternation, upon the account of some unusual disturbances, seemingly beyond the reach of man to make, conclude that, either 'Thou hast permitted some Spirit, or some mortal, confederate with evil Spirits, to do things beyond the power of Nature. However it be, we make our addresses unto Thee, upon our bended knees, for succour, support and deliverance.

"If it is a Spirit of Satan's retinue, suffer it not, O Lord ! to appear in any terrible shape, nor to harm either our souls or bodies.

"If it is a wandering soul, having hidden secrets to reveal, ere it can be at rest, suffer not its appearance to be ghastly or frightful : and to whomsoever it shall apply itself, endow them with more than manly courage, to sustain the appearance.

"If the disturbances that have been made, proceeded from magical arts, do Thou, O Gracious Father ! set limits to those covenant servants of the Devil, and suffer none of us, any more, to be discompos'd or affrighted with the like noises and disturbances.

"If it is a Spirit of Thy sending, to chastize us for our sins, if it seem good unto Thee, O Heavenly Protector ! take some gentler method, at once, to convince us of our guilt, and correct us for it, and suffer no envious Demon to cruciate or torment us.

"But if it be a good Spirit (for we are ignorant of the proceedings of the invisible world) sent by Thy providential hand, to forewarn us of some imminent danger, grant that its appearance may be suitable to the kind message it brings ; and we, Thy servants, will never cease to laud Thy great and glorious Name, for Thy supernatural care and protection over us.

"Finally, whatever be the cause or author of our disturbances, do Thou protect us under the shadow of Thy wings, and suffer neither spiritual nor temporal enemies to injure our souls, bodies or goods, or to affright us by day or night ; but do Thou, if it be Thy blessed will, put a speedy period to all the unusual noises, which have been lately heard.

"These, our petitions, or whatever else, upon this important occasion, Thou, in Thine infinite wisdom, thinks proper for us to



ask, we humbly beseech Thee to grant, for His sake, who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, to whom with the Father and Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen."

The present church of Sowerby was built in 1762, faculty dated 22nd June 1761, and opened for service, 3rd January 1763. It was not consecrated, however, until Tuesday, the 27th April 1847. The curate, at the time of rebuilding, was John Welsh M.A., ordained deacon, 23rd December 1739, and priest, 23rd September 1744. He was previously curate at Crostone.

In May 1764, there were 593 families in Sowerby, containing 3,040 inhabitants, whereof 451 were dissenters, viz, 140 presbyterians, 188 independents, 56 anabaptists, 62 methodists, and 5 quakers. There were 1533 communicants of the Church of England above 16 years of age, whereof 70 received at Easter, 1764. The bell weighed 480lbs.

The present peal of bells was opened 29th October 1781; and on the 22nd August 1846, at a ringing contest, the censors were confined 16 hours, until 1.30 next morning; the umpire, from Oldham, 87 years of age, having assisted at the opening of the bells in 1781. The eight bells cost, including hanging &c., £503, of which sum George Stansfeld subscribed £200. Besides the maker's name and date, "William Chapman of London, Fecit. 1781," the bells have the following inscriptions:—

Treble bell, "Exchanged for the old bell"; 2nd "By assessment"; 3rd "Gift of Joseph Priestley"; 4th "Gift of MARTHA STANSFELD"; 5th "Gift of ANN STANSFELD"; 6th "Gift of GEORGE STANSFELD"; 7th "By Subscription"; Tenor bell, "Gift of SUSAN STANSFELD."

A portion of the old church was removed by George Stansfeld, and rebuilt at the back of Field House, where it remains to this day.

The following are the inscriptions, &c., within the church:—

THE CHANCEL: In the east wall is a painted window, representing the Crucifixion, depicted in an unconventional

manner. Below the central light, is a brass memorial, now hidden by the reredos, inscribed as follows :—

To the Glory of God, and in memory of ROBERT STANSFELD of Field House, who died August 2nd 1855, aged 83 years ; and of LYDIA his wife, who died July 31st 1816, aged 36 years. This window is placed here, A.D. 1862.

In the north clerestory, is a plaster representation :—

ARMS : Three goats statant [STANSFELD]. CREST : A lion's head erased. MOTTO : KNOW THY SELF.

Over the east window, is a similar representation of the Royal Arms, within the Garter, with the initials and date : G.R. 1766.

In the south clerestory, is another plaster representation of the arms of Welsh, John Welsh, M.A., being curate of Sowerby in 1766. The arms of Welsh, as given in Burke, are : Azure, 6 mullets, 3, 2 and 1, or. Here, however, the charges are estoiles of eight points. The crest is a dexter hand erect, couped at the wrist, holding a book (bible ?) in bend sinister, which, along with the motto *Sic itur ad astra* (Thus they go to heaven), is evidently a difference, introduced in allusion to the sacred office of the bearer.

The Credence is within a niche of modern woodwork, the design and execution being in accordance with other woodwork, inserted when the pews were replaced by free and unappropriated sittings, at the recent restoration of the church. Beneath it is a brass containing the following inscription :—

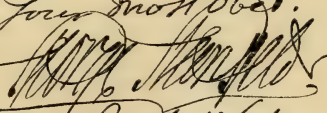
To the glory of God. The two Angel groups in mosaic, were erected as a tribute of affection, from the REV. A. L. W. BEAN, in memory of ELLEN SUSANNA BEAN, Born 3rd March 1809, died 10th January 1876.

NORTH AISLE: Commencing east. In the organ chamber, on a brass plate on the organ front :—

This organ is presented to St. Peter's Church, Sowerby, by JOHN RAWSON Esq. of Brockwell, as a memorial of the late WILLIAM PRIESTLEY Esq. formerly of Sowerby, an enthusiastic admirer of church music, May 19th 1861.

Sir

Yesterday J. W. Horton called  
of me, <sup>at my house</sup> & engaged me to go to  
Howe's at night I sent Mr. Walsh  
& desired him to come with the Mr. Ansie,  
your thoughts upon it We found Mr. Watson  
there All agreed that the affair ought  
to be set in a true light I desire  
Mr. Watson to come to Field House tomorrow  
Friday at 12 o'clock & should be glad if  
you would give him a meeting that,  
being all together, We may consider  
what is best to be done  
I got the Acts for the 50 Churches back  
yesterday & send them herewith  
for your perusal I am

Yours most obed.  
  
15 M<sup>ch</sup> 1864







The Most Reverend  
JOHN TILLOTSON, D.D.  
Born at *Haughend* in this Township  
1630.  
ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY  
in the Reign of WILLIAM and MARY  
died November 22, 1694.  
in the 64<sup>th</sup> year of his Age.



On a white marble tablet, west of the westernmost window :—

SEBASTOPOL. ALMA. BALAKLAVA. INKERMEN. To the memory of those brave men from the township of Sowerby, who laid down their lives, in the campaigns of 1854 and 1855, so triumphantly achieved for the liberties of Europe.

JOSEPH WADSWORTH, G <sup>r</sup> Guards.	ELI CROWTHER, G <sup>r</sup> Guards.
JOHN GREENWOOD, 1 <sup>st</sup> Royals.	ELIJAH SALTONSTALL, 7 <sup>th</sup> R <sup>l</sup> Fusil <sup>rs</sup>
GEORGE CRABTREE, 19 <sup>th</sup> Reg.	JOSEPH THORP, 19 <sup>th</sup> Reg.
JAMES HELLOWELL, 20 <sup>th</sup> Reg.	DANIEL SHARP, 47 <sup>th</sup> Reg.
WILLIAM BROWN, 95 <sup>th</sup> Reg.	JOSEPH HOLROYDE, R <sup>l</sup> Marines.

"Thy dead men shall live." *Isaiah xxvi.* 19. Erected by Subscription.

Close to the west wall, behind (north of) the font, on the pediment of an effigy of archbishop Tillotson, which statue stands in a niche (see plate) :—

The Most Reverend JOHN TILLOTSON, D.D., born at Haugh-end, in this township; 1630: Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Reign of William and Mary, died November 22<sup>d</sup>, 1694; in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

On the right (dexter) side is a shield, bearing the arms of the see of Canterbury :—

Azure, an episcopal staff in pale, argent, ensigned with a cross patée, or, surmounted by a pall of the second, edged and fringed of the third, charged with four crosses, formée fitchée, sable.

Over the shield is an archiepiscopal mitre. On the left (sinister) side is a shield bearing the arms of Tillotson :—

Azure, a bend cotised between two garbs, or. CREST: Out of a mural coronet, a greyhound's head, all proper.

NORTH GALLERY: Commencing east. A plaster coat of arms, similar in execution to those in the chancel :—

Ermine, on a fess three crescents. CREST: On a wreath, a nag's head coupé. MOTTO: MACTE CARITATE.

Between the second and third windows, on a white marble tablet :—

Sacred to the memory of HENRY PRIESTLEY, of Haugh-end, who departed this life 22nd April 1837, aged 46 years. Also to HENRY LEA, only child of the above HENRY PRIESTLEY, and

MARY, his wife, who departed this life, the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1844, in his 14<sup>th</sup> year. Also to the above named MARY PRIESTLEY, who died at Winchester, 13<sup>th</sup> June 1855, aged 66; and is interred in the cemetery in that city, where a monument is erected to her memory.

Between the third and fourth windows, a hatchment containing :—

Per pale, 1st: Gules, on a chevron, between three towers, argent, (issuing out of each a demi lion rampant, or,) as many grappling irons, sable. [PRIESTLEY].

2nd. Argent, a chevron between three crescents, sable. [WALKER].

Between the fourth and fifth windows, a white marble tablet :—

Erected to the memory of JOHN PRIESTLEY of Thorpe, the youngest son of JOHN PRIESTLEY of Whitewindows, in Sowerby. He died January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1801, aged 46 years. Also of ELIZABETH, his wife, the second daughter of WILLIAM WALKER of Crownest, in Hipperholme; she died July 27<sup>th</sup> 1829, aged 78 years. And also of their children, WILLIAM, ANN and EDWARD. WILLIAM died March 19<sup>th</sup> 1778, aged 16 days. ANN died April 20<sup>th</sup> 1793, aged 7 weeks. EDWARD died May 27<sup>th</sup> 1824, aged 33 years. WALKER died May 1<sup>st</sup> 1853, aged 66 years. JOHN died July 21<sup>st</sup> 1858, aged 74 years. WILLIAM died April 1<sup>st</sup> 1860, aged 80 years.

Below is a coloured shield of arms, same as the hatchment already described.

CREST: Over a squire's helm, mantled gules, on a wreath of the colours, a cockatrice argent, standing on the lower part of a broken spear, lying fessways, or, in the mouth, the other portion.

WEST END: Commencing north. The FONT is of Caen stone, octagonal, richly carved. On the foot, at the east side, is cut :—

F.H.M.R. Born February 1. 1853. Died October 21. 1861.

On the bevelled edge of the rim, commencing on the east side :—

To the glory of God and as a memorial of FLORENCE HARRIET MARIANNE, the beloved child of FREDERICK EDWARD and HARRIET SUSANNA RAWSON of Thorpe, in this chapelry, 1862.

Upon the rim :—

✠ And He took them up in His Arms, put His Hands upon them and blessed them.



On a tablet reaching from the floor, about eleven feet high :—

To the Honoured Memory of the Family of STANSFELD of SOWERBY, particularly of the Branch thereof, resident at Field House, some of whose Remains were removed from the Site of the Old Church, and deposited in a Vault under this New Church. AND ABOVE ALL To the revered Memory of his most loving and most beloved Wife, MARY, Daughter of MR JAMES LORD of Todmorden, who died on the 25th Day of February, and was buried in the Family Vault, on the 5th Day of March, 1799. GEORGE STANSFELD Esq<sup>r</sup>, her most afflicted Husband, has placed this Inscription, in Testimony of his Gratitude to her, and of his most tender and affectionate Love for her. Possessed of all Female Excellencies, she employed them diligently, in the well ordering of her Family, in Acts of Charity to the Poor, and in making her dear Husband one of the happiest Men upon Earth. During a severe Illness of three Months, convinced of her approaching Dissolution, she was thoroughly prepared for it, and perfectly resigned. Her only Thoughts about this World, were her Cares for the Happiness of her dear Husband, during the Remainder of his Days. Upon this mournful Subject, she gave him Counsel, with Composure, whilst he listened with Sorrow and Amazement, and when, at the last, she desired him to be buried in the same Grave with her, he, overwhelmed with Grief, made her that Promise, and will order it to be strictly fulfilled, and he hopes, through the Mercies of his Creator and Redeemer, to have the Blessing of being united with her, in the Mansions of Everlasting Happiness.

At the base in large capital letters :—

GEORGE STANSFELD Esq. Died Feb. 20. 1805, aged 79.

On a sepulchral urn, at the top, is a shield of arms :—

Per Pale. 1st Vert, three goats statant, argent, armed and unguled, or. [STANSFELD]

2nd. Azure on a chevron, between three annulets, or, three martlets of the field. [LORD.]

CREST : On a wreath of the colours, a vine branch, fructed, issuing from a mount, all proper.

A tablet of white marble :—

In memory of JOHN LEA of Haughend, Esquire, who died February 26th 1800, aged 81 ; and of MARY his wife, who died July 18th 1796, aged 78 ; this monument was erected by LYDIA

their only daughter and heiress, the wife of JOSEPH PRIESTLEY of White-Windows, Esquire ; as a tribute of filial regard, for her most affectionate and deserving parents.

A shield of arms and a crest have been removed, or lost, from underneath. Watson's *History of Halifax* gives, as the arms of Mr. Lea, then living :—

Argent, a chevron engrailed, between two leopards' heads, sable.

CREST : A bull's head cabossed, coupé at the neck, or.

On a white marble tablet :—

Sacred to the memory of MARY ANN, wife of JOHN WILKS, of the Lodge, Triangle ; who departed this life, the 29<sup>th</sup> of Aug. 1817, aged 30 years. She was endeared to her friends, by an amiable disposition and engaging manners ; particularly to him, who now deplores her loss. Also in the same vault, lie interred two infant children of the above JOHN and MARY ANN WILKS. Also to the memory of the above JOHN WILKS, who died in Liverpool, January 25<sup>th</sup> 1855, aged 68 years, and was interred the 30<sup>th</sup> January 1855. Also of HANNAH, wife of the above JOHN WILKS, who died at Huyton, near Liverpool, 25<sup>th</sup> June 1874, aged 81. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

Another mural tablet :—

Sacred to the memory of HENRY BRUEN LONGFIELD, last surviving son of the late LIEUT. COL. RICHARD LONGFIELD, of Castle Mary, in the county of Cork, who departed this life at Sowerby parsonage, March 13, 1833, aged 15 years.

The love of Christ, which was shed abroad in his heart, by the power of the Holy Ghost, he accounted greater riches, than the treasures of an earthly heritage ; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward, even that gift of God, which is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"I love them that love Me, and those who seek Me early shall find Me."

Beneath the arms, crest and motto, as follows :—

ARMS : Gules, a chevron, ermine, between seven crosses crosslet, fitchée, three in chief and four in base, argent.

CREST : Out of a ducal coronet, or, a demi lion rampant, gules.

MOTTO : Parcere subjectis et debellare superbos.

Mr. Longfield was a pupil at the parsonage, at the time of his death

SOUTH AISLE: Commencing east. Between the second and third windows, a mural tablet containing :—

ARMS: Vert, three goats trippant, argent. CREST: A lion's head erased. MOTTO: KNOW THY SELF.

Sacred to the memory of ROBERT STANSFELD of Field House, who departed this life, August 2nd 1855, aged 83 years. And of LYDIA his beloved wife, who died July 31<sup>st</sup> 1816, aged 36 years. I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. *John xi. 25.*

Between the third and fourth windows, a mural tablet, containing the following arms and inscription :—

Per Pale: 1st Vert, three goats trippant, argent. [STANSFELD.]  
2nd. Azure, a demi lion rampant, coupé, between three pheons, or. [HARRISON.]

CREST: A lion's head erased, or. MOTTO: KNOW THY SELF.  
SUPPORTERS: Dexter, the figure of Justice, holding in the dexter hand, a pair of scales, and in the sinister hand, a sword erect: Sinister, the figure of Temperance, holding in the hands, a bridle and reins. MOTTO above the crest: "Justitia et per tot sæcula temperantia."

In beloved memory of ROBERT JOHNSTON STANSFELD, elder son of COLONEL STANSFELD of Field House in this parish, late a captain in Her Majesty's 38th and 12th regiments, and a magistrate for the West Riding, who died at Firby Hall, near York, on the 23rd day of April 1876, aged 38 years. He served with distinction in the Crimean war, and through the Indian mutiny. A brave soldier, true and loyal, gentle, patient, full of faith, and full of charity.

The above is within a scroll, underneath is :—

The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms.

Below this text, are two wreaths, composed of roses, thistles and shamrocks, leaves and flowers, and crowned. The dexter wreath encloses a garter, inscribed with the words "1st Staffordshire," and encircles the figures, in Roman numerals, "xxxviii." The sinister wreath encloses a similar garter, inscribed "East Suffolk," encircling the figures, "xii." At the foot of the whole tablet, are the words :—

Erected by his widow AGNES STANSFELD 1877.

West of the westernmost window, on a small tablet :—

In memory of ELIZA, the beloved wife of WILLIAM GEORGE WILKS of Liverpool, who departed this life, at Torquay, on the 18th March 1860, aged 26. "Whosoever believeth in Me shall never die." *John xi. 26.*

SOUTH GALLERY : Commencing east. Between the first and second windows, is a plaster coat of arms, similar to those in the chancel, being :—

ARMS : Gules, on a chevron, between three towers, argent, issuing out of each a demi lion rampant, or, as many grappling irons, sable. [PRIESTLEY.] CREST : A cockatrice, argent, standing on the lower part of a broken spear, lying fessways, or ; in the mouth, the other portion. MOTTO : FEAR GOD.

Between the second and third windows :—

In memory of THOMAS MILNE of Cliff-Hill, Warley, who died September 16th 1844, in the 87th year of his age. Also of SARAH, his beloved wife, who departed this life, December 17th 1840, aged 72 years. And their four daughters. Thanks be to God, Which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1st Cor. 15 ch. 57th v.*

Between the third and fourth windows :—

A tribute of conjugal affection, to the memory of JANE, the beloved wife of LEWIS F. C. JOHNSTON Esq<sup>re</sup> (one of Her Majesty's Judges of Trinidad), and the affectionate mother of HANNAH LÆTITIA, the wife of LIEUTENANT ROBERT STANSFELD, of the Breck. The remains of this much lamented and respected lady, who died at the Breck, on the 25th April 1842, are interred in the vault, under this church, belonging to the family of Stansfeld of Field House, in this Parish. Also to the memory of the above LEWIS F. C. JOHNSTON Esq<sup>re</sup>, who was one of the unfortunate passengers, on board the Royal Mail steamship Amazon, which was lost on her voyage to Trinidad, January the 4th 1852. I am the resurrection, and the life ; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. *St. John 11th chap. 25th ver.*

A monument has been erected by his daughter, to the memory of her beloved father, in Trinity Church, Trinidad.

Between the fourth and fifth windows, on a tablet :—

ARMS : Argent, two carpenter's squares, gules, in pale frett-wise, intercharged with thirteen mill rinds, sable ; a shield of pre-

tence, bearing the arms of JUBB of Rotherham : On two bars, six birds, three and three. CREST : A lion rampant. MOTTO : Querito ..... entiam.

In a vault, in the adjoining churchyard, lie the remains of CHARLES MILNE of Cliff Hill, Warley, near Halifax, eldest son of THOMAS and SARAH MILNE, who died June 15th 1858, aged 63 years. "If we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so them also, which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him." His sorrowing widow places here this monument, in affectionate remembrance of one, who was a faithful and humble christian, a loving and tender husband, and a true friend. In the same vault, lie the remains of MARGARET, widow of the above CHARLES MILNE, who remarried May 12th 1864, JAMES AKED, of Kershaw House, and died at Cliff Hill, his widow, August 30th 1871, aged 72 years.

Between the fifth and sixth windows :—

In memory of JOHN HADWEN, of Dean, Sowerby, who died June 19, 1852, aged 78 years. Also of MARY, his wife, who died June 27, 1810, aged 42 years. And of their sons and daughters, THOMAS WILSON HADWEN of Dean House, Sowerby, who died at Bradbury, near Stockport, March 14, 1855, aged 51 years. JOHN HADWEN of Kebroyd, Soyland, who died December 22, 1862, aged 57 years. ELLEN, who died August 27, 1809, aged 11 months. MARY ANN, who died April 17, 1826, aged 16 years. ELLEN, who died July 24, 1842, aged 25 years. And of JOSHUA WILSON, of Dean House, Sowerby, brother of MRS. MARY HADWEN, who died Feb. 15, 1833, aged 58 years.

Inscriptions in, and concerning, the windows.

NORTH AISLE : Commencing east. First window west of the organ chamber :—

SUBJECT : S. John the Evangelist, in the upper portion of the window ; and, in the lower, S. John leading the B. V. Mary from Calvary. INSCRIPTION : To the glory and honour of God, and in memory of JOHN MORRIS, born April 25, 1810, died May 22, 1869.

Second window :—

SUBJECT : The Annunciation. INSCRIPTIONS : My soul doth magnify the Lord. To the glory of God, and in loving memory of HENRIETTA RAWSON.

## Third window :—

SUBJECT : Dorcas distributing bread to the poor. INSCRIPTIONS : This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds, which she did. To the glory of God, and in loving memory of ELIZABETH MARIANNE RAWSON.

## Fourth window :—

SUBJECT : The Angel and the two Maries, at the empty tomb. INSCRIPTIONS : He is risen, He is not here. To the glory of God, and in memory of WILLIAM MORRIS, born July 9, 1806, died Sept. 12, 1882.

## Beneath is a brass, with the following additional inscription :—

In memory of WILLIAM MORRIS of the Lodge, J.P., D.L., born July 9<sup>th</sup> 1806, died Sept<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1882. This window is erected by voluntary subscription, as a lasting remembrance of the loving regard and sincere esteem, in which a kind and generous employer was held by his workpeople. July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1883.

## Fifth window :—

SUBJECT : The baptism of Christ. INSCRIPTION : This is My Beloved Son in Whom I AM well pleased.

## WEST WALL : Northern window :—

SUBJECT : Christ blessing little children. INSCRIPTIONS : Suffer little children to come unto Me. To the glory of God, and in loving memory of MARY RAWSON of the Haugh End.

## Southern window :—

SUBJECT : Christ at the door. INSCRIPTIONS : Behold I stand at the door and knock. To the glory of God, and in loving memory of WILLIAM HENRY RAWSON, of the Haugh End.

## SOUTH AISLE : Easternmost window :—

SUBJECT : Christ with a little child on His Knee, S. Peter and the B. V. Mary in the right and left front respectively, and a few sheep in the foreground. INSCRIPTIONS : The Good Shepherd giveth His Life for the sheep. To the glory of God, and in memory of M. I. B., born 1819, Dec<sup>d</sup> 1861, and of her daughter, M. C. B., born 1852, deceased 1858.

## Next window :—

SUBJECT : The three Maries in the garden of S. Joseph. INSCRIPTIONS : They brought sweet spices to anoint Him. To the glory of God, and in loving memory of MARY ELIZABETH RAWSON.

Westernmost window :—

SUBJECT : Christ giving the keys to S. Peter. INSCRIPTION :  
I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

EAST WALL of church. South gallery, over the vestry :—

SUBJECT : The charge to S. Peter. INSCRIPTIONS : Feed My  
sheep. To the glory of God, and in memory of AMAZIAH EMPSON.

North gallery, over the organ chamber :—

SUBJECT : Christ and the woman of Samaria. INSCRIPTIONS :  
I will give thee living water. To the glory of God, and in memory  
of ELLEN EMPSON.

IN THE CHURCHYARD. In a railed enclosure, lying to the  
south of the chancel :—

In affectionate remembrance of HANNAH LÆTITIA, the beloved  
wife of ROBERT STANSFELD, Esqre., of Field House, who died  
Nov. 17th, 1864, aged 56 years.

ROBERT JOHNSTON STANSFELD, died April 23rd, 1876, beloved  
and lamented, aged 38 years. "He giveth His beloved sleep."  
Two infant children of ROBERT JOHNSTON STANSFELD and of  
AGNES his wife, given and taken, a daughter on the 21st August,  
1872, and a son on the 5th December, 1874.

Close to the north wall :—

Here lieth the body of ROBERT STANSFELD of Lodge, in  
Sowerby, who died May 20th, 1808, in the 78th year of his age.  
Here is interred the body of ROBERT STANSFELD, the son of  
SAMUEL STANSFELD of Fieldhouse, who died April 1st, 1815, in  
the 3rd year of his age. Also ANN, daughter of SAMUEL and  
PHEBE STANSFELD, who died March 5th, 1822, in the 2nd year of  
her age. Also THOMAS STANSFELD, their son, died Novr. 25th,  
1830, aged 20 weeks. Also JOHN STANSFELD, their son, died  
Sept. 5th, 1831, aged 3 weeks. SAMUEL STANSFELD, father of the  
above children, died on the 7th of May, 1834, aged 59 years. Also  
HENRY, son of SAMUEL and PHEBE STANSFELD, who died April  
23rd, 1857, aged 32 years.

Here lieth the body of ELIZABETH, wife of ROBERT STANS-  
FELD, of Soyland, who died Aug<sup>st</sup> 25th, 1797, in the 50th year of  
her age. Also of ELIZABETH STANSFELD, daughter of the above,  
who died October 20th, 1852, aged 83 years. Also of TIMOTHY  
STANSFELD, son of the before-named SAMUEL STANSFELD, who  
died April 8th, 1866, in his 49th year.

THE REGISTERS : The first six volumes of Sowerby registers, contain baptisms from 1668 to 1812, and burials from 1643 to 1812.

## BAPTISMS.

- 1669 June 29. Martha D. of Nicolas Stansfield.  
 1678 Oct. 6. Martha D. of James Stansfield.  
 1680 Sept<sup>r</sup> 9. Josiah S. of James Stansfield.  
 1682 June 5. John S. of John Stansfield.  
       Aug. 13. Susannah D. of Timothy Stansfield.  
       June 25. Ellen D. of James Stansfield.  
 1683 July 15. Eli S. of John Stansfield.  
       Feby. 10. Elizabeth D. of James Stansfield.  
 1685 Feb. 5. George S. of James Stansfield.  
 1686 Sept. 13. Mary D. of Timothy Stansfield.  
 1687 May 30. George S. of John Stansfield.  
       Nov<sup>r</sup> 1. Elizabeth D. of Josiah Stansfield.  
 1688 Aug. 9. Hannah D. of James Stansfield.  
       Dec<sup>r</sup> 17. Samuel S. of John Stansfield.  
       Jan. 14. Josiah S. of Timothy Stansfield.  
 1690 Dec<sup>r</sup> 16. Sarah D. of James Stansfield.  
 1691 July 22. Martha D. of Josiah Stansfield.  
 1692 April 21. John S. of John Stansfield.  
 1694 April 3. Mary D. of Josiah Stansfield.  
       June 19. Josiah S. of John Stansfield.  
 1696 July 13. Abigail D. Josiah Stansfield.  
       Oct<sup>r</sup> 11. Hannah D. of John Stansfield.  
 1704 Feby. 12. Elizabeth D. of Joshua Stansfield.  
 1708 Sept<sup>r</sup> 19. Mary D. of Joshua Stansfield.  
 1709 March 12. Lydia D. of Joshua Stansfield.  
 1710 March 12. James S. of George Stansfield.  
 1711 Jany. 24. Ann D. of George Stansfield.  
 1713 July 30. Martha D. of Joshua Stansfield.  
       Feby. 9. Alice D. of George Stansfield.  
 1714 Feby. 24. Peter S. of Eli Stansfield.  
 1715 Apl. 10. Ely S. of Joshua Stansfield.  
 1716 June 27. Titus S. of Eli Stansfield.  
       Augt. 2. Abigail D. of Joshua Stansfield.  
 1717 Jany. 26. Elizabeth D. of Ely Stansfield.  
 1718 Nov<sup>r</sup> 25. Susan D. of George Stansfield.  
 1719 Jany. 28. David S. of Ely Stansfield.  
 1720 April 2. Sarah D. of George Stansfield.  
       July 13. Mary D. of Josiah Stansfield.  
 1722 May 9. Ely S. of Ely Stansfield.



- 1723 Aug. 4. Martha D. of Mr. George Stansfeld.  
1724 March 21. Mary D. of Ely Stansfeld.

BURIALS.

- 1648 March 5. James Stansfeld.  
1651 Jan<sup>y</sup> 3. The Wife of Mark Stansfeld.  
1656 Jan<sup>y</sup> 10. Mark Stansfeld.  
1658 May 26. An infant of Josias Stansfeld.  
1659 March 5. A 2nd infant of Josias Stansfeld.  
1662 Nov<sup>r</sup> 14. A 3rd infant of Josias Stansfeld.  
1670 March 7. Mary, Widow of Edward Stansfeld.  
—— 17. James S. of Nicholas Stansfeld.  
1672 July 26. John S. of Timothy Stansfeld.  
1676 Jany. 22. Nicolas Stansfeld.  
1680 Nov<sup>r</sup> 11. Mary Stansfeld.  
1681 Dec<sup>r</sup> 24. Josias Stansfeld.  
1684 Nov<sup>r</sup> 3. John Stansfeld.  
1684-5 Jany. 23. Josias Stansfeld.  
Feby. 23. Martha Stansfeld.  
1690 March 25. Elizabeth wife of John Stansfeld.  
1694 Aug<sup>t</sup> 24. Josiah S. of Josiah Stansfeld.  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 5. Mary D. of Josiah Stansfeld.  
1698 March 8. Sarah Widow of Nicholas Stansfeld.  
1700 Sept<sup>r</sup> 14. Abigal D. of Josias Stansfeld.  
—— 17. Alice D. of John Stansfeld.  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 14. Martha D. of Josia Stansfeld.  
1701 Apl. 30. Samuel S. of John Stansfeld.  
1702 March 8. Alice D. of James Stansfeld.  
—— 23. Josias Stansfeld, Senior.  
1703 Decr. 2. Mary wife of Timothy Stansfeld.  
1705 Nov<sup>r</sup> 12. Hannah wife of James Stansfeld.  
1714 Sept<sup>r</sup> 30. Josiah Stansfeld.  
1716 Aug<sup>t</sup> 27. Ely S. of Joshua Stansfeld.  
1718. Oct<sup>r</sup> 7. Anna D. of James Stansfeld.  
1724 April 29. Isaac S. of Ely Stansfeld.

MARRIAGES.

The following marriages are taken from the registers of Halifax church, as marriages were not solemnized at Sowerby, during the period embraced.

- 1580 May 8. Thomas Hemingway et Rosamüd Stansfeld.  
1636 Nov<sup>r</sup> 21. Henry Stansfeld and Grace Learoyd, Hx.  
1637 April 11. John Stansfeld and Sarah Ogden, Hx.

- 1637 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 20. James Walton and Susan Stansfeild, Wadsworth.  
 1638 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 26. Hugh Haworth and Ann Stansfeild, Hal.  
 Feby. 2. W<sup>m</sup>. Brigg and Mary Stansfeild, Stansf<sup>d</sup>.  
 1639 Sept<sup>r</sup>. 2. John Fox and Mary Stansfeild, Hall.  
 1641 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 8. John Maud, Hall, and Sibill Stansfeild.  
 1644 Feby. 20. Lawrence Williard and Margaret Stansfeild, North.  
 1654 June 8. Abr<sup>m</sup>. Illingworth, South<sup>m</sup>. and Marie Stansfeild, Hx.  
 1657 Feby. 8. Abraham Stansfield, Stansf<sup>d</sup>. and Mary Clegg, Stansf<sup>d</sup>.  
 1664 May 17. W<sup>m</sup>. Roids, North., and Susan Stansfeild, Ovend:  
 Sept<sup>r</sup>. 6. Nicholas Stansfield and Sarah Bates, Sowerby.  
 Dec<sup>r</sup>. 7. James Stansfield, Skircoat, and Susan Smith, Sowerby.  
 1667 May 22. Josia Stansfield, Sowerby, and Eliz. Nichols, Warley.  
 July 31. Samuel Stansfield, Hx: and Maria Priestley, Skircoat.  
 1668 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 18. Timothy Higgen and Mary Stansfield, Heptonst:  
 Sept<sup>r</sup>. 15. Jo: Earnshaw and Maria Stansfield de Stansfield.  
 Per Licentiam.  
 1669 April 13. Ri: Stansfield and Mercy Wilson, Hx.  
 May 31. Ri: Stansfield and Jane Ford, Ovend.  
 1672 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 3. Georgius Batty and Gratia Stansfield.  
 1674 Jany. 14. Jo: Sugden, Hx: and Maria Stansfield, Kighley.  
 1683 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 21. Abr: Muise [Moser?] and Jana Stansfield, Heptonstall.  
 1687 Octr. 16. Jo: Bloomer and Gratia Stansfield, Midgley.  
 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 24. Sam: Stansfield, Hiperholm, and Catarina Sutclif, South.  
 1689 June 29. Abra: Rieley, Soyland, and Martha Stansfield, Sowerby.  
 1691 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 5. John Stansfield and Annie Harper de Halifax.  
 1692 June 19. Hen: Stansfield and Eliz: Hanson de Halifax.  
 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 15. Edmund Barker and Mary Stansfield, Stansf:  
 1695 May 11. John Phoenix, South: and Sara Stansfield, Hip.  
 1698 Augt. 3. Jos<sup>h</sup> Tillotson and Martha Stansfield, Sowerby.  
 1700 April 23. Geo: Wood and Sara Stansfield, Hx.  
 — 30. John Yates and Ann Stansfield, Hx:  
 1701 Sept. 8. W<sup>m</sup> Cassan and Eliz: Stansfield, Hx.  
 1703 Feby. 28. Jos<sup>h</sup> Stansfield and Joice Radcliffe, Sowerby.  
 1704 August. Timothy Stansfield, Sowerby, and Sarah Haigh, Norland, had a certificate, but were married elsewhere.  
 1705 Augt. 23. Sam: Ibbotson, Ovenden, and Susan Stansfield, Sowerby.  
 1706 Sept<sup>r</sup>. 29. Jam: Stansfield, Sowerby, and Eliz: Priestley, Skircoat.  
 — 25. Thos: Holden, Hx. and Eliz: Stansfield, Sowerby, married at Newark.

- 1707 April 27. Jonas Stansfield and Phoebe Crowther, Sowerby.  
 Aug<sup>r</sup>. 21. Eli Greenwood, Warley, and Susannah Stansfield,  
 Ovenden.  
 1710 May 3. Richard Marsden, Curate of Sowerby, and Elizabeth  
 Stansfield, Sowerby.  
 1714 May 1. Eli Stansfield, Sowerby, Cloath<sup>r</sup> and Mary Farrer,  
 Warley, Sp<sup>r</sup>.  
 1716 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 16. Jonathan Mawd, Skirc. and Phoebe Stansfield, Warley,  
 Spr:  
 1719 Sept<sup>r</sup>. 10. Josias Stansfield, Cloth<sup>r</sup> and Martha Wadsworth,  
 Sowerby, Spr.

The above extracts from the registers at Sowerby, are nearly all entered in the pedigree of the Stansfelds of Sowerby. Six of the remaining ones, may be connected together as follows :—

NICHOLAS STANSFIELD. = SARAH BATES.	
Married, 6th September	Buried 8 March
1664; and buried, 22	1698-9.
January 1676-7.	
<div> <div> MARTHA STANSFIELD. = ABRAHAM RILEY,  Born 29 June 1669, and  married 29 June 1689. </div> <div> of Soyland. </div> </div>	
<div> JAMES STANSFIELD.  Buried 17th March  1670. </div>	

The register of marriages at Elland, contains the following :—

- 1619 April 27. Marcus Stansfeild de Halifax et Martha Hoole.

The Ryburn, the little brook which gives the name to Ripponden [Ryburnden, the valley of the king's beck or rivulet,] separates the ancient chapelry of Elland, from that attached to the parish church of Halifax. The Hoyles were a Ripponden family ; so, no doubt, the above couple are the same, whose burials are entered at Sowerby in 1651 and 1656.

There are a few other entries in the Elland registers, which may as well be recorded here, as in any other chapter of this work :—

- 1561 June 15. Will<sup>us</sup> Wheatley et Elizab. Stancefelde nupt.  
 1593 May 10. Thom's Jackson, Heptonstall, et Sara Stancefeld.  
 1617 May 20. Laurentius Stansfeild et Abigael Sharrock.  
 1619 April 27. Marcus Stansfeild de Halifax et Martha Hoole.  
 1626-7 Feb. 6. ffranciscus Savill et Jana Skencefell [Stansfeld ? ]  
 1656-7 March 19. Baptised, Whatgodwill dau. of Joseph Lister of  
 Thorniall brigges, buried the 29th.

1685 October 5. Askelphus f. Georgii Thornhill, arm<sup>r</sup> de ffikesby,  
buried 18th April 1701.

1727 Dec. 7. Johannes Stot et Susanna Stansfield.

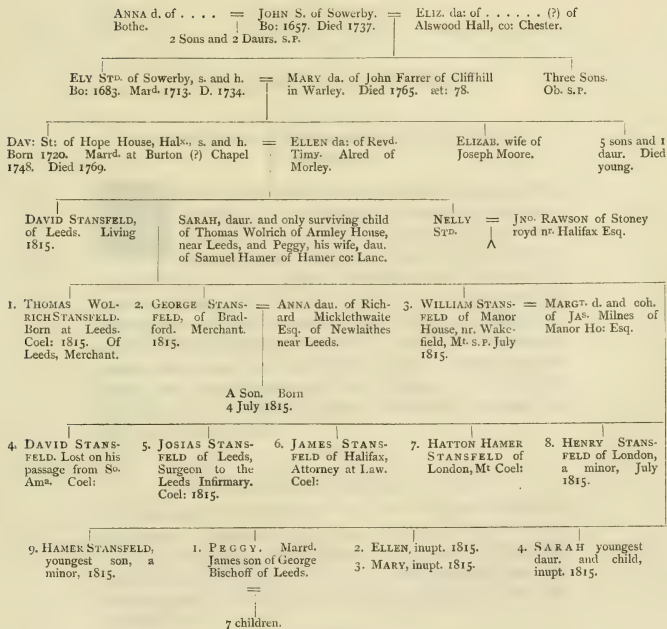
1692 Aug. 9. Jacobus Haworth et Henrietta Maria Wilkinson.

The last is given as an early instance, in this district, of the use of a double christian name. Called, no doubt, after the queen of Charles I., it implies that one member, at least, of the Wilkinson family, did not join in the puritan feelings, so common amongst those of his name, and expressed in the baptism of Whatgodwill Lister, who died so early afterwards, as well she might, with such a name. Equally unfortunate was George Thornhill J.P. of Fixby, eighteenth in descent from Askelphus de Thornhill, in endeavouring to revive that ancestor's name. For fifteen years, the valiant boy struggled beneath the burden of his ancient name; and although in the peculiarly fortunate position, that is, according to folk lore, of being a seventh son, yet even he at last succumbed, and was buried in his sixteenth year, 18th April 1701.



# Stansfeld of Stansfield and Sowerby.

[SECOND PART.]



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*Stephen Foster*  
*2 May 1885 Somerset House*





## CHAPTER IX.

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### THE STANSFELDS OF SOWERBY.

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#### HERALDS' COLLEGE PEDIGREES V. AND IV. [SECOND PORTION].



THE last of the three portions, into which the Stansfeld pedigree, for convenience of description, has been divided, consists of the offspring from the seven sons of Josias Stansfeld of the Breck in Sowerby, who died in 1702. It is pretty evident, that the pedigrees in Heralds' College, of all but the Stansfelds of Stansfield and Hartishead, owe their existence there, to the investigations made by Thomas Wolrich Stansfeld of Burley Wood, letters to whom, dated 1794, are mentioned in No. 31 of the General Search, and other letters from the Heralds, are still in the possession of his nephew, Thomas Wolryche Stansfeld of Weetwood Grove, Leeds.

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#### I.—TIMOTHY STANSFELD OF POND.

TIMOTHY STANSFELD, son and heir of Josias, resided at the Pond in Sowerby, which house so called, tradition says, according to Whitaker, has belonged to the name of Stansfeld, ever since the Conquest. He was twice married, and the following entries in the Sowerby registers, belong to him and his family :—

##### BAPTISMS.

- 1682 Aug. 13. Susannah d. of Timothy Stansfeld.  
1686 Sept. 13. Mary d. of Timothy Stansfeld.  
1688-9 Jany. 14 Josiah s. of Timothy Stansfeld.

## BURIALS.

- 1672 July 26. John s. of Timothy Stansfeld.  
 1703 Decr. 2. Mary, wife of Timothy Stansfeld.

His second marriage is recorded at Halifax, marriages not being then solemnized at Sowerby :—

- 1704 August. Timothy Stansfeld, Sowerby, and Sarah Haigh, Norland.  
 Had a certificate, but were married elsewhere.

The *Northowram Register* gives the same marriage, and states the latter end of August as the time, and also supplies the following :—

- 1698 June 3. Enoch, son of John Firth and Martha, d. Timothy Stansfeld, at Halifax. [Marriage.]  
 1709 Oct. 13. Thomas Wilkinson, near Shipden Mill, and Mary, d. of Timothy Stansfeld. [Marriage.]  
 1703 Nov. 24 [Dec. 2 ?]. Wife of Timothy Stansfeld bur :  
 1718 Dec. Timothy Stansfeld of Sowerby Dean, died 9 Dec.

Oliver Heywood's diary also contains, under No. 123, in his Event Book, the account of a prayer meeting, established at the house of Timothy Stansfeld, for Soyland :—

“—3 and now lately, since I began to preach at Sam. Hopkinson's, another meeting of christians is set up about Soyland, at Tim Stansfeld's &c. and I am informed they are wonderfull forward and affectionate, many come, they weep sore, a good sign, oh for sincerity, there's good hopes, great reformations, many strong convictions, who knows what good may be done by these—Blessed be the name of my god—this is July 20, 1676. These meetings are a token of good to England.”

These evidences of religious sincerity, sound strange to modern ears ; but the history of religious revivals in later years, notably that inaugurated by the Wesleys, within the Church, about a century later, supplies yet greater instances of unrestrained religious emotions. Happily, the catholic revival of half-a-century ago, commenced in the intellect, and the most successful mission priests of to-day, deprecate violent appeals to the emotions of their hearers.



# Stansfeld of Pond, and Field House, Sowerby, near

SARAH WHITELEY. = ROBERT STANSFELD, = ELIZABETH BLACKBURN,  
First wife. of Pond, born 1730 married 14 Aug. 1769, and  
and died 20 May 1808. died 25 Aug. 1797, aged  
[See other pedigree.] 49.

STANSFELDS of Field House,  
New Cross, co. Surrey. [See  
other pedigree.]

1. ROBERT STANSFELD = LYDIA, daughter of  
of Field House, co. JOHN WALKER;  
York. Born 7 Nov. died 31st July 1816.  
1771, and died 2 aged 36  
Aug. 1855.

3. JOSHUA STANSFELD, born 24 May 1779, of Mont-  
treal, Canada.

4. DAVID STANSFELD, born 24 Jan. 1786, of Mont-  
treal, Canada.

5. JOHN STANSFELD, born 21 Feb. 1788.

6. JAMES STANSFELD, born 19 July 1790, of Mont-  
treal, Canada.

ELIZABETH STANSFELD, died 20 Oct. 1832, aged 83.

MARTIN STANSFELD

GEORGE STANSFELD, M.A., 1st barister-at-law, J.P. for Lan-  
cashire and West riding, York, born 15 Dec. 1803, and died 3 Mar. 1869.

SARAH, dau. of WILLIAM BIRKBECK, of Halifax, 9th Settler, born at Settle, 29 June, 1806, married there 3 July 1834; and died 18 July 1869.

LYDIA STANSFELD, married at Halifax, 9th Settler, born June 1841.

JOHN BIRKBECK, J.P., of York, elder son of JOHN BIRKBECK, of Settle, 19th Settler, dau. of JOHN JONES BIRKBECK in Dut. Born at Settle, 29th July 1847.

ROBERT STANSFELD, of Field House, born 5 Dec. 1805, late of the 19th Foot, now Hon. Colonel 3rd and 4th Battalions Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, and J.P. for W. R. of York-  
shire. Married in the Island of Trinidad, 29 Sept. 1834.

HANNAH LAETITIA, only child & heiress of LEWIS FARLEY CLOUGTON JOHN-  
STON, Chief Justice of Trinidad. Died 17 Nov. 1864, aged 56.

JANE STANSFELD, married to Rev. DANIEL DAB-  
NELL, vicar of Welton, North-  
amptonshire.

ELIZABETH, first wife, eldest dau. of the late JOHN BIRKBECK of Anley and his wife MARGARET ION, born at Settle, 5 April 1819, married at Giggleswick 5 Dec. 1843, and died at Coniston Cold 9 Feb. 1861.

JOHN STANSFELD, in Holy Or-  
der, married Coniston Cold, Yorks. born 21 Nov. 1814.

FRANCIS STANSFELD, 1802, 4th barister-at-law, J.P. for Lancashire, born 14th Nov. 1814, died 20th Nov. 1860.

HANNAH STANSFELD, M.A., bar-  
ister-at-law, born at Burnley, 5 Dec. 1843.

ELIZABETH STANSFELD, born at Burnley, 11 Oct. 1849, died unmarried 24 Mar. 1880.

ROBERT STANSFELD, M.A., bar-  
ister-at-law, born at Burnley, 22 Apr. 1849, married 19 Oct. 1881, Ana Mary Ann, second daughter of JAMES HOB-  
SON, of Oakfield, Man-  
ningham, and has issue, ELIZABETH MARY STANSFELD.

1. ELIZABETH STANSFELD.

2. KATHARINE STANSFELD, married at Settle 3 October 1867.

3. SARAH GEORGINA STANSFELD, married at Settle, 25 April 1864, to H. CHARLES WORTH, of Holly Bank, Settle, only son of THOMAS CHARLES WORTH, of Leeds.

JOHN BIRKBECK, J.P., of Burnley, born at Settle, 1st July 1842.

ROBERT STANSFELD BIRKBECK, born 21 Aug. 1847, died un-  
married, 11 July 1882. He was Mayor of the 3rd Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, and also Captain in the 1st Volun-  
teer Battalion, and died at the In-  
fantry barracks, at York, whilst on duty with the former.

LEWIS STANSFELD, born 21 Oc-  
tober 1836, and died 11 May 1837.

ROBERT STANSFELD, J.P., Captain 12th Foot, born 16 April 1838, married 14 June 1871, and died while surviving, 33 April 1876.

AGNES, daughter of J.P., late Captain Scots Greys, of Galligra-  
ves Hall, & Samlesbury, co. Lanc. born 16 Jan. 1840, married 11 Oct. 1871, S.P.

JOHN STANSFELD, late Captain Scots Greys, born 16 Jan. 1840, married 11 Oct. 1871, S.P.

ETHEL, daughter & co-heiress of the late PATER ARKLEY, of Dunsinall, Farnhamshire, N.B.

LYDIA JANE STANSFELD, second daughter, married 7 Jan. 1863.

HANNAH STANSFELD, second daughter, married 7 Jan. 1863.

JOHNSTON JONAS FOS-  
TER, J.P., of Cliffe Hill and Moor Park, co. Salop, and son of JOHN FOSTER, of Hornby Castle. He died at Cannes, in France, 26 Feb. 1880, and is buried under his private chapel in the church at Lightcliffe, near Halifax, of which he was the founder.

JOHN BIRKBECK, M.A., bar-  
ister-at-law, J.P. for Lancashire, born 14th Nov. 1814, died 20th Nov. 1860.

JOHN BIRKBECK, born 3 March 1822.

VICTOR JOHN BIRKBECK, born 27 July 1873.

HENRIETTA JOHN BIRKBECK, born Sept. 1879.

MARY ANNE BIRKBECK.

KATHARINE LAETITIA FOSTER, born 21 Mar. 1883, aged 18.

ETHEL JANE FOSTER.

GERTRUDE STANSFELD FOSTER.

MARY ELIZABETH STANSFELD, born 21 Mar. 1883.

FRANCIS ELIZABETH STANSFELD, born 10 Sept. 1883.

JOHN KAY STANSFELD, born 10 Sept. 1883.

MARY STANSFELD = ELLEN STANSFELD = HANNAH STANSFELD = SAMUEL STANSFELD = PREBB, daughter of HENRY BATES, died 11 Aug. 1864, aged 70 years, and interred in the vault of her father at Sowerby Bridge church. She was married a second time to a Mr. Priestley, but had no issue.

FRANCES, second wife, youngest daughter of the late JAMES HARTON, of Helliwell Fell, and widow of PETER GARDINER, of Conistone Hall, married 26 Apr. 1866.

ROBERT STANSFELD, born 6 July 1813, died 1 April, 1815.

GEORGE STANSFELD, born at the Old Hall, Field House, 3 June 1815, died at Wigham House, New Leeds, 17 July 1872, and was interred at Woodhouse Cemetery, Leeds.

ELIZA, daughter of JOHN MANSFIELD, surgeon, Leeds. Married 20 Dec. 1843, at Leeds parish church, and died 26 Dec. 1882.

TIMOTHY STANSFELD, born 11 Nov. 1817, died at Bradford, 8 April 1866, and was interred at Sowerby church.

ANN STANSFELD, born 23 Oct. 1820, died 5 Mar. 1822.

MARY ELIZABETH STANSFELD, born 6 July 1823, married BENJAMIN M. PARKER of Northallerton, and had issue, TITUS HENRY PARKER, solicitor, of Newport, Mon., who is married, and has issue. She died at Romanby, nr. Northallerton, 18 Dec. 1870.

HENRY STANSFELD, born 17 Mar. 1825, died unmarried, 23 Apr. 1857.

WILLIAM EDWARD STANSFELD, born 25 Aug. 1827.

EMMA SCOTT, of Leeds.

THOMAS STANSFELD, born 4 July 1830, died 25 Nov. 1830.

JOHN STANSFELD, born 15 Aug. and died 5 Sept. 1831, buried at Sowerby church.

ELLEN MARIA STANSFELD, born in 1834.

JOSEPH DINSDALE, of Knaresborough.

JOHN MAIN, son of JAMES MAIN, of Sowerby, married 12th Sept. 1883.

ALFRED STANSFELD, born 12th Sept. 1883.

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GEORGE STANSFELD, born at Leeds 3 May 1846, married 17 March 1873, at St. George's church, Leeds.

ELIZA, daughter of SAMUEL DUNHAM of London.

FRANCES SOPHIA, third daughter of ROBERT BURTON, of Essex. First wife, married 11 Jan. 1872, at Wangthorn, Leeds, and died 28 Jan. 1883, aged 36 years.

JOHN STANSFELD, born at Leeds 7 Feb. 1848, bapt. at Meadow Lane church.

ANNIE SOPHIA, third daughter of THOMAS PELL, of Milford Hall, York. Second wife, married 20 Feb. 1884.

ANNIE STANSFELD, born at Leeds, 15 Aug. 1846, mar. 11 March 1875, to C. W. VICKERS, of London, & has issue, STANSFELD VICKERS, born 14.3 June 1881.

HENRY STANSFELD, born 19 Apr. 1881, and died 11 Aug. 1882.

PETER STANSFELD, born 9 Jan. 1872.

ELLEN STANSFELD, born 22 Dec. 1874.

ELIZABETH STANSFELD, born 16 Apr. 1877.

HENRY STANSFELD DINSDALE, born 24 March 1863.

PETER ARABELLA DINSDALE, born 27 June 1864.

JOSEPH DINSDALE, born 10 Oct. 1866.

WILLIAM EDWARD DINSDALE, born 17 Dec. 1868.

GEORGE STANSFELD DINSDALE, born 11 Feb. 1871.

ANNIE MARIA DINSDALE, born 9 Dec. 1872.

JOHN STANSFELD DINSDALE, born 1 Oct. 1874.

FRANCIS EMILY STANSFELD, born 23 March 1873.

JOHN STANSFELD, born 14th July 1875.

MARY KATHERINE STANSFELD, born 6 Dec. 1876.

ROBERT STANSFELD, born 27 June 1880.

WILLIAM PETER STANSFELD, born 1 May 1885.

ELLEN STANSFELD, born 29 Sept. 1884.

GEORGE STANSFELD, born 16th Jan. 1877.

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whom next ; Timothy, born 11th November, 1817, died without issue, 8th April, 1866 ; Ann, born at Old Field House, 23rd October, 1820, died 5th March, 1822 ; Mary Elizabeth, born 6th January, 1823, married Benjamin M. Parker of Northallerton, and died at Romanby, 18th December, 1870, and had issue, Titus Henry Parker, solicitor, Newport, Mon. ; Henry, born 17th March, 1825, died unmarried, 23rd April, 1857 ; William Edward, born 25th August, 1827, married Emma Scott of Leeds, and has issue, Henry, died young, Phoebe, Ellen, and Elizabeth Stansfeld ; Thomas, born 4th July, and died 25th November, 1830 ; John, born 15th August, and died 5th September, 1831 ; Ellen Maria, born in 1834, married Joseph Dinsdale of Knaresborough, and has issue, Henry Stansfeld, Phoebe Arabella, Joseph, William Edward, George Stansfeld, Annie Maria, and John Stansfeld Dinsdale.

GEORGE STANSFELD, son and heir of Samuel, was born at Old Field House, Sowerby, 3rd June, 1815, and died at Wingham House, New Leeds, 17th July, 1872. He married, 20th December 1843, ELIZA, daughter of John Moxon, surgeon, of Leeds, and had issue, two sons and one daughter.

GEORGE EDWIN STANSFELD, the elder son, was born at Leeds, 3rd May, 1846, and married 17th March, 1873, Eliza Amy, daughter of Samuel Oram of London, and has issue, Florence ; George, born 16th June, 1877 ; Amy ; and Annie, died in infancy.

JOHN STANSFELD, the younger son, was born at Leeds, 7th February, 1848, and married 11th January, 1872, at Wrangthorn, Frances Sophia, daughter of Robert Burton of Essex and Leeds. She died 28th January, 1883, aged 36 years. By her, he has issue, Francis Emily, born 23rd March, 1873 ; John, born 14th July, 1875 ; Mary Katherine, born 6th December, 1876 ; Robert, born 27th June, 1880. John Stansfeld married secondly, 20th February, 1884, Annie Sophia, third daughter of Thomas Petch of Milford Hall, near York, and has issue, William Petch Stansfeld, born 1st May, 1885.

Annie, daughter of George Stansfeld, was born 15th August, 1849, married 11th March, 1875, Charles William Vickers of London, and has issue, Stansfeld Vickers, born 13th June 1881.



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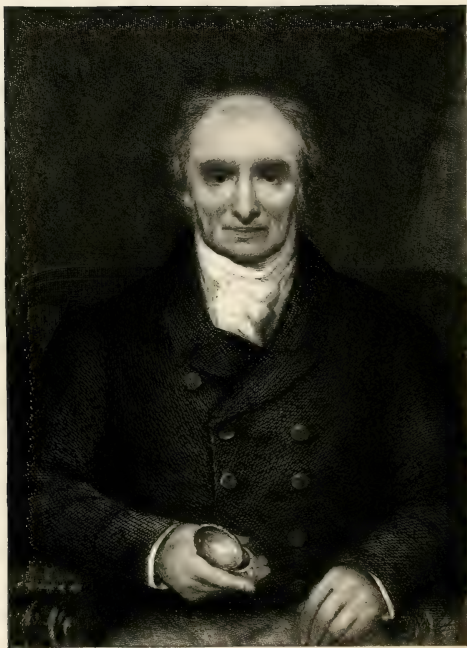


*Yours faithfully*  
*Geo. Hanefeld.*









*Wm. Stansfield*

IV.—TIMOTHY STANSFELD OF FIELD HOUSE,  
SURREY.

TIMOTHY STANSFELD, eldest son and heir of Robert and Sarah Stansfeld of Pond in Sowerby, was born 15th February 1755, and died 23rd November 1829. He built Field House, New Cross, co. Surrey, which he so named, after the residence of his distant relative, George Stansfeld, in Sowerby. He was three times married, and had issue, a son Josias, of whom hereafter, and four daughters, by his second wife. The son died without issue, as will be seen hereafter, but all the daughters married, and the descendants from each, are numerous and influential. Their lineage will be shown separately, under the particular daughter of Timothy Stansfeld, from whom they are descended.

His first wife was MARY, daughter of John and Joanna Hart of London, who died in 1783. In her will, dated 21st January 1783, and proved on the 15th April following, she is described as the wife of Timothy Stansfeld of Fish street Hill, in the parish of S. Leonard Eastcheap, London. She mentions therein, copyhold lands in S. George's Middlesex; her father and mother, John and Joanna Hart of Queen street, victuallers; her brothers, John and Thomas Hart, and five sisters. George Stansfeld was one of the witnesses [*P.C.C. Register Cornwallis* 200].

His second wife was ANN CLARKE, and he married thirdly, ELIZABETH, the widow of Samuel Milne, who died in 1800, of Warley. Her maiden name was Robinson, and she was a niece of the Rev. George Legh LL.D., vicar of Halifax, and prebendary of York, who died 6th December 1775. Besides his contribution to the Hoadley controversy, alluded to in his epitaph, and which was published in Scotland, under an assumed name, Dr. Legh wrote a poem called *The Clergyman's choice of a wife delineated*. This is dated at the commencement, 1st April 1736, and at the preface, Cambridge, 30th August 1738, but printed by E. Jacob, Halifax, in 1776. It is published anonymously, "By a Foreign Bishop, now residing and preaching in his diocese in *Terra Incognita*"; but the copy, now in the possession of the author, has the autograph on the

title page, of "Joseph Priestley, 1st January 1777," and in the same handwriting, at the foot of the page, "Wrote by Doctor Leigh Vicar of Halifax." A draft will, dated 1784, has a reference in it, to the third wife of Timothy Stansfeld, then the wife of Samuel Milne.

ELIZABETH ROBINSON of Halifax, widow, bequeathed to her friends, Thomas Nelson of Halifax, merchant, and Joseph Charles Gautier of Warley, manufacturer, £10 each, and all her personal estate, to be sold and the proceeds invested, paying the interest to her grand-daughter Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Milne of Warley, merchant, for her life; and to pay £500 to their daughter Harriet Milne, when twenty-one. If Elizabeth Milne die before her husband, then the interest to be paid to him, to bring up their children, and the principal to the children equally, when of age.

If no children, then to testatrix' niece, Mrs Ann Miller, wife of Mr John Miller of Wike, for life, and then to her son. If none, then equally between Mrs Scott, y<sup>e</sup> mother of Sir John Scott, and her sister, Mrs Jane Lewis of Edinburgh.

She remits to the said Samuel Milne, £400 of bond of £420, and leaves him and his wife £10 each for mourning. Also to her daughter-in-law Sarah, wife of Thomas Hobson of Halifax £10; to said Harriett Milne, a silver coffee-pot and a family bible, and to her niece Ann Miller her (testatrix') uncle Chamber's picture.

The register at Halifax parish church, records the marriage, 9th May 1782, of Samuel Milne, Warley, merchant, to Elizabeth Robinson of Halifax, spinster. She outlived her second husband, and died at New Cross, 21st August 1834, aged 76, leaving a son and daughter, by her first husband, the latter of which married her stepbrother, Josias Stansfeld of Field House, New Cross, Surrey. The arms on her coffin plate, do not give any intimation of her first marriage, being simply:—

Sable, three goats statant, argent, within a bordure engrailed, charged with sixteen hurts [STANSFELD]; impaling: Vert, on a chevron, between three roebucks trippant, argent, as many cinque-foils, gules [ROBINSON].

George Stansfeld, the builder of the modern mansion of Field House, Sowerby, who was the last male descendant of James Stansfeld of Bowood, the fourth son of Josias, seems to have gone afar, to seek a male legatee of the family name, to









*Wm. Lloyd Garrison*



whom to bequeath the remainder of his real estate. The following is from a draft of his will, made 5th January 1791, and is only given, as showing the relationship acknowledged therein. After settling his estates upon the male descendants of his married sister's (Sarah Holden) daughters, he adds :—

“ With remainder, in default of such issue, to the use and behoof of my cousin TIMOTHY STANSFELD, of the city of London, merchant, his heirs and assigns for ever ; subject, nevertheless, to, and charged, in the possession of the said Timothy Stansfeld, his heirs or assigns, with the clear sum of £5,000, of &c., to be paid, within one year next after he, or they, shall come into possession of the premises, unto his brother (my cousin) GEORGE STANSFELD, merchant, at Montreal, in Canada, his executors, administrators or assigns ; which sum of £5,000, I do hereby (in the event of the said cousin Timothy Stansfeld &c. coming to the possession of the premises) give to my said cousin, George Stansfeld, and do direct, that the same shall be paid accordingly [gives power to distrain &c.]—Which said legacy, I direct shall be a vested interest, in my cousin Geo. Stansfeld, his exrs. admsr. or ass<sup>ts</sup> whenever the said Timothy Stansfeld, his heirs or assigns, shall come into possession of the said premises, and shall not be lapsed or void, notwithstanding the death of my said cousin Geo. Stansfeld, may happen in my life time, or in the life time of the said Timothy Stansfeld, or from any other cause or circumstance whatsoever.

This draft (in the possession of the author) is most interesting, as it contains, in the margin, several remarks and answers, made, evidently in reply to queries by counsel, in the handwriting of the testator ; *e.g.* opposite the reversionary legacy of £5,000, to George Stansfeld of Montreal, are the question and answer :—

“ Has he any children ? ”

“ He never was married ! ”

But the document will be found, more fully copied, in its own proper place, to which the reader is referred for more particulars.

JOSIAS STANSFELD, of Field House, New Cross, co. Surrey, only son of Timothy and Ann Stansfeld, was born in 1789, and died 22nd August, 1846, aged 57. He married his step-sister, AMELIA, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Milne, of Cliff Hill, Warley, who was born in 1786, and died in 1859. They had no issue.

## I.—ANN, LADY MARSHALL.

ANN, the eldest daughter of Timothy Stansfeld, of Field House, New Cross, Surrey, was born 1st December 1786, married SIR CHAPMAN MARSHALL, knight, lord mayor of London, 1839-40, and died 22nd August 1848. They had issue, three sons and two daughters, the last of which, Annie, died young. The others all married, and had issue as follows :—

1. Chapman Stansfeld Marshall, married Josephine, daughter of Mr. Welzer, of Vienna, and died in 1872, having had issue: Rudolf, deceased; Alfred, now residing at Fernside, Bishopsdown, Tunbridge Wells; Edwin, deceased; Josephine and Lionel Marshall.

2. George Stansfeld Marshall, married Emma, daughter of Jeremiah Pilcher, and died in 1883, leaving issue: Eliza; Chapman, now residing at Sutton, co. Surrey; Annie and Henry Marshall.

3. Frederick Anthony Stansfeld Marshall, clerk in holy orders, M.A., and vicar of Great Easton, co. Leicester, married Helen Wilhelmina, daughter of Archibald Campbell, of Lochnell, Argyll, and died in 1874, having issue: Helen Frances, born 1846; Frederick, born 1847; Charles, born 1848; Henry, born and died in 1849; Leonard, born 1850; Caroline Anne, born 1851; Beatrice Esther, born 1853; Edith Wilhelmina, born in 1856 married, in 1876, Edward Huth, M.A. Oxon., of Wykehurst, Haywards Heath, co. Sussex, and has issue, of whom presently; Walter, born 1859; Henry Douglas, born and died in 1861; Kenneth, born 1862; and Madeline Hope Marshall, born in 1864.

4. Frances Caroline Marshall, only surviving daughter, born in 1812, married, in 1836, Charles Frederick Huth, of Oakhurst, co. Kent, and 9, Kensington Palace Gardens, London, merchant, and director of the Bank of England, who bears: Argent, two chevronels, gules; in chief, a human heart of the last, and in base, a hat, sable, with an ostrich feather, proper; and for crest: Three sprigs of oak, erect, proper; each bearing an acorn, or.

The family of Huth, which is connected three or four times by marriage, with the descendants of Timothy Stansfeld, demands more than a mere incidental mention.

JOHN FREDERICK HUTH, of Stade, in the kingdom of Hanover, born in 1751, and died in 1800, leaving issue a son :—

FREDERICK HUTH, born in 1777, married in 1806, and died 14th February, 1864. His wife, MANUELA PHILIPPA, was the daughter of Don Antonio Mayfren, of Corunna, Spain, and died in 1856. In 1809 he settled in England, and became naturalised by act of parliament.

He was an eminent merchant and banker in the city of London, and was also knight of the Orders of Guelph of Hanover and Charles III of Spain. He had issue, six daughters and five sons, the latter being, Charles Frederick, of whom next; Ferdinand, born 1808, died in 1826; Henry, of whom afterwards; Edward, born 1819, died in 1844; and Louis Huth, of Possingworth, co. Sussex, born 1821, and married in 1855, Helen Rose, daughter of Thomas Ogilvy, of Corrimony, co. Inverness, but has no issue.

CHARLES FREDERICK HUTH, eldest son, before-mentioned, who married FRANCES CAROLINE MARSHALL, has issue: Frederick, born 1837, died in 1838; Alexander, born 1838; Ferdinand Marshall, born 1840, now of 44, Upper Grosvenor Street, Grosvenor Square, London; Caroline Anne, born 1842; Frederick Henry (Captain) born 1844, now of Beckford House, Lansdowne Crescent, Bath; Fanny Gertrude, born 1845; Marian, born 1847 and died in 1876; Octavia, born 1849, married her cousin Alfred Henry Huth, see afterwards; Percival, born 1851, and Reginald Huth, born in 1853.

HENRY HUTH, of Wykehurst, co. Sussex, third son of Frederick Huth, was born 30th June, 1815, and married, in 1844, AUGUSTA LOUISA SOPHIA, daughter of Frederick Westenholz, of Vienna and Waldenstein Castle, Austria. He was a commissioner of lieutenancy of the city of London, and died 11th December, 1878, leaving issue :—

1. EDWARD HUTH, M.A. Oxon., of Wykehurst, Sussex, born 8th January, 1847, married, 29th February, 1876, EDITH WILHELMINA, fourth daughter of the Rev. Frederick Anthony Stansfeld Marshall, M.A., by whom he has issue: Geoffrey Edward, born 1878; Austin Henry, born 1881; Helen Beatrix born, 1877; and Rosalind Mary Huth, born in 1879.

2. Alfred Henry Huth, of Bolney House, London, born 14th January, 1850, married, 16th January, 1872, his cousin Octavia, youngest daughter of Charles Frederick Huth, but has no issue.
  3. Richard Basil Huth, born 2nd November, 1852.
  4. Augusta Julia Huth, born 20th April, 1848.
  5. Louisa Sophia Huth, born 27th October, 1858.
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## 2. MARY BLACKWELL GRAY.

MARY BLACKWELL STANSFELD, second daughter of Timothy Stansfeld of Field House, New Cross, Surrey, by his second wife Ann (*née* Clarke), born in 1789, married 21st May 1814, ROBERT ALEXANDER GRAY, J.P., D.L., of Camberwell, Surrey, and Falmouth, Cornwall, and died 12th October 1863. He was born in 1790, and died 9th December 1877, leaving issue :—

1. Robert Alexander Gray, born 14th November 1818, married in 1851, Charlotte, fourth daughter of Richard Edmonds of New Cross, Surrey, now residing at Duxmere, Ross, co. Hereford, and died 9th January 1868, leaving issue : Catherine Charlotte, born 8th July 1857 ; Robert Alexander, born 23rd August 1859 ; Florence Mary, born 28th March 1861 ; Alexandra, born 7th February 1863 ; Richard Tucker, born 30th July 1864 ; and Alexander Frederick Gray, born 23rd February 1868.

2. Mary Stansfeld Gray, born in 1815, married in 1840, John Williams, born 1800, of Eaton Square, London, and Boones, near Eden Bridge, Kent. They have issue : John Aubrey died in 1880, Alexander Stansfeld died in 1852, Herbert Gray, Arthur Bernard, Adelaide Mary and Theresa Stansfeld Williams.

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## 3. HARRIOTT PRIOR.

HARRIOTT STANSFELD, third daughter of Timothy Stansfeld of Field House, New Cross, Surrey, by his second wife Ann (*née* Clark), was born in 1792, married 8th January 1818, and died 1845. Her husband, SAMUEL PRIOR of London, was born in 1785 and died in 1859, leaving issue, three sons and two daughters, viz :—

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HUTH,	GEORGE
	R. 10
	DOCK
	TON, bo

MARSHA STANSFIELD, dau. of John Sharp, of Litch. H. 18th Dec. 1824, died 18th Dec. 1824, aged 16.

JUDITH STANSFIELD, of Litch. H. 18th Dec. 1824, died 18th Dec. 1824, aged 16.

JUDITH WOOD, Second wife, married at Bradford, 7 Feb. 1878.

SAMUEL STANSFIELD, of Bradford, third son. Died 1st Sept. 1727, aged 78.

MARY CLARKSON, of Bradford.

A  
Stansfield of Thorton, etc.

MARSHA, daughter of Matthew Wadsworth of Sowerby.

MARSHA, married to Enoch Firth, 1 June 1798.

ELIZABETH SHARP, dau. of the Rev. Thomas Sharp, M.A., of Little Horton. First wife, baptised 15 Nov. 1682, married at Bradford, 24 Jan. 1727, and died 14 Sept. 1772, S. P.

ROBERT STANSFIELD, of Bradford, son and heir.

ANNA BUSFIELD, dau. of William Busfield of Rishworth Hall Bingley. Born 20 June 1697, married 3 Sept. 1723, and died 1 Dec. 1757.

SAMUEL STANSFIELD, baptised 15 Oct. 1678.

DAVID STANSFIELD, baptised 10 July 1681.

JOSIAH STANSFIELD, baptised 9 Sept. 1680, died 1685, married 12th Sept. 1709, & died 21 Nov. 1735.

GEORGE STAND, of Dowdall, baptised 5th Feb. 1685, married 12th Sept. 1709, & died 21 Nov. 1735.

ELIZABETH BLAKELIN, Second wife, married 11 Aug. 1769.

MARY, Baptised 13 July 1720.

Standfield of Field House, Sowerby &c. See that pedigree.

No surviving male issue.

ROBERT STANSFIELD, of Esholt, which he purchased from Sir Walter Blackett, Bart., in 1755. Baptised at Bradford, 24 Jan. 1727, and died 14 Sept. 1772, S. P.

JANE FERRAND, dau. and coheiress of Richardson Ferrand of Harden, by Anne, younger dau. of William Busfield of Rishworth Hall, Bingley.

Five children, died young, or unmarried.

ANNE STANSFIELD, heiress of her brother, born 27 Aug. 1729, married 27 Aug. 1758, & died 12 Feb. 1798.

WILLIAM ROOKES, of Field House, Sowerby, baptised 12 March 1719, and died 24 Oct. 1789.

JAMES STANSFIELD, of Field House, Sowerby, baptised 12 March 1719, buried in July 1743.

From a daughter, ANNA MARIA, are descended the CROMPTONS of Esholt.

GEORGE STANSFIELD, of Montreal, Canada, Born in April 1759, died in Kensington Square, London, 17 Jan. 1829, unmarried.

SARAH, MARY, SARAH.

MARY BLAKWELL STANSFIELD, Second daughter, born 1789, married 21 May 1814, and died 12 Oct. 1863.

ROBERT ALEXANDER GRAY, of Camberwell, Surrey, & Falmouth, Cornwall. Born in 1790, and died 9 Dec. 1867. He was J.L. & D.L.

JANE & CHRISTINE MARRIAGE, Born 21 May 1812, and married in 1836.

CHARLES FIELDER, of Kent, and Kensington Palace Gardens, London, married, and a director of the Bank of England.

ANNE MARRIAGE, 1809, 23rd May 1913, died 1st April 1924.

OLIVIA STANSFIELD MARRIAGE, born 18th April 1808, died 18th Nov. 1819.

ROBT. ALEXANDER GRAY, Born 14 Nov. 1818, married in 1851, and died 9th Jan. 1868.

MARY STANSFIELD GRAY, Born in 1815, married in 1840.

Captain FREDERICK STANSFIELD, dau. of King's 3rd Dragon Guards, of Beckford House, Lansdowne Crescent, Bath. Born 22 Feb. 1844, married his cousin, 7 Oct. 1865.

MANUELA CARO-HUTCHINSON, dau. of Augustus Herman Kinderhook, of Liverpool.

FANNY GENTRIDGE, born 20th Aug. 1847, married 11th June 1866, Col. Thomas Lewis, 24th Regt., now Bengal Cavalry, 5th Dragon Guards, & died 10th Mar. 1876, having issue, GUY DICKSON, born 18th Nov. 1872, & MARGARET DICKSON, born 15th Aug. 1874, and died 18 May 1876.

OLIVIA HUTCHINSON, born 7th Sept. 1849, married 10th Jan. 1872, her cousin, Alfred Henry Huth, son of Henry Huth, of Wyke, and dau. of James Huth.

PERCIVAL MARION, dau. of Rev. George W. 1853, unmarried.

CATHERINE CHARLOTTE GRAY, born 8 July 1857.

ROBERT ALEXANDER GRAY, born 23 Aug. 1859.

FLORENCE MARY GRAY, born 28 March 1864.

ALEXANDER GRAY, born 7 Feb. 1863.

RICHARD TUCKER GRAY, born 30 July 1864.

ALEXANDER FREDERICK GRAY, born 25 Feb. 1868.

JOHN AUBREY WILLIAMS, died in 1880.

MANUELA TERESA HUTCHINSON, born 17 July 1866.

JOSEPHINE HUTCHINSON, born 10 Aug. 1866.

FREDERICK FRANK HUTCHINSON, born 30 Aug. 1869, & died 14 Sept. 1874.

PHILIP STANSFIELD HUTCHINSON, born 12 Oct. 1870.

YVONNE HUTCHINSON, born 1872.

YVONNE HUTCHINSON, born 29 July 1874.

MARGARET SOPHIA HUTCHINSON, born to Dec. 1874.

MARIAN HUTCHINSON, born 4th Sept. 1876.

STEVENS FRANK HUTCHINSON, born 11 July 1878.

HAROLD HUTCHINSON, born 6th Dec. 1879.

CLAUDE FREDERICK HUTCHINSON, born 21 Dec. 1884.

ROBERT HUTCHINSON, born 27th Oct. 1883.

FRANCES MAUD HUTCHINSON, born 4 July 1877.

WINNIE HUTCHINSON, born 19 Jan. 1878.

PERCIVAL HUTCHINSON, born 22 Feb. 1879.

FREDERICK LIONEL HUTCHINSON, born 11 Feb. 1880.

MURIEL KATHLEEN MARIAN HUTCHINSON, born 31 March 1882.

1. Samuel Turner Prior, born 13th April 1819, married 16th April 1842, Margaret Lawford, and died in 1876. His widow now resides at Gordon House, Blackheath Park. Their children are: Margaretta, born 15th May 1843; Samuel Lawford, born 10th June 1845, and died 17th February 1884; Frederick William, born 6th December 1847; Henry Stansfeld, born 4th March 1849, married September 1879, Evelyn Amanda Poole, and has issue Evelyn Lawford Stansfeld, born August 1881, Aubrey Lionel, born March 1883, and died young, and Hector Francis Acland Prior, born September 1884, and died young; Harriott Emily, born 26th October 1850, married December 1876, William Auld, and has issue, William Douglas Auld; Jessie, born 5th December 1852, and died 2nd July 1861; Edith Annie (twin), born 13th June 1855; Alfred Ernest (twin), born 13th June 1855, married in September 1884, Emily Wilcox; Marion Florence, born 21st February 1858, married 20th August 1885, Harry Crossley Richmond; Emma Georgina, born 11th November 1859; and Francis Montague Prior, born 6th June 1862.

2 & 3. Charles Henry, died unmarried, and Alexander Prior.

4. Harriott Anne Prior, born 26th April 1821, married William Henry Smith, born 1815, of Ulva Road, Putney, and has issue: Harriott Ada, born 1st May 1849; Clara Gertrude, born 8th June 1851, married 19th February 1879, Robert Alexander Jackson, and has issue, Alexander Erie Jackson, born 17th June 1880; Frederick William, born 14th March 1853, married 19th January 1884, Martha Rosalie Pearce, and has issue Gordon Smith, born November 1884; Ernest Theodore, born 21st August 1856; Percy Stansfeld, born 1st March 1859; and Charles Edward Smith, born 3rd May 1861.

5. Elizabeth Prior, married at Hove parish church, Brighton, 22nd September 1863, Edward Nathan Burgess, born in the parish of S. John's Horsley Down, 21st September 1812, now of Park Crescent, Brighton. They have issue: Alice Louise, died young; Florence Mabel, died young; Edward Neville, born at Lewisham, Blackheath, 9th April 1868; Amy Gertrude and Blanche Madeline Burgess.



JOSIAS STANSFELD, of the Beck, Sowerby, born in 1619, buried 23rd March 1702-3. [See Herald's College Pedigree No. IV.]  
 = MARTHA SWAYNE, of Little Horton, near Bradford. Buried at Sowerby 23rd Feb. 1684-5.

HANNAH HURST, dau. of George Hurst, of Braddley, co. Chester, first wife, buried 12th Nov. 1705.

= JAMES STANSFELD, of Bowcol, fourth son, married in 1677, buried 29 June 1730.

= ELIZABETH, dau. of William Kitchingman of Skircoat, & widow of Thomas Priestley, of Holdsworth, second wife. [See page 210.]

ELN STANSFELD, M.A., Vicar of Newark, fifth son.

= ELIZABETH CRAYTON, dau. of Thomas Crayton of Kingston-on-Thames.

See Herald's College Pedigree No. V.

JOSIAS STANSFELD, of Haugh End, sixth son, married 22 May 1667, and buried 30 Sept. 1714.

= ELIZABETH NICHOLSON, daughter of Matthew Nicholson of Boistead & Graystones, Warley, died 18 Sept. 1730.

ELIZABETH HIRST of Adswold Hall, co. Chester. First wife, married in 1681, buried 25th March 1690, aged 40.  
 = JOHN STANSFELD, of Sowerby, seventh son.

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M. STANSFELD, of Haugh End, sixth son, married 22 May 1667, and buried 30 Sept. 1714.

ELLEN STANSFELD, baptised 25 June 1682.

ELIZABETH STANSFELD, baptised 10 Feb. 1683-4, and married 3 May 1710.

RICHARD MARSDEN, curate of Sowerby, afterwards of Horsey, co. York.

HANNAH STANSFELD, baptised 9 Aug. 1688, and buried 7 Oct. 1718.

SARAH STANSFELD, baptised 16 Dec. 1690, and married 13 January 1715.

THOMAS OLD-FIELD, of Warley.

JOHN STANSFELD, of Haugh End, married 4th Nov. 1719, but had no issue.

ELIZABETH JENKINSON, of Lime Ditch Manchester.

LYDIA STANSFELD, married 19th Oct. 1703, and buried 31 Oct. 1741.

RICHARD MUNE, minister at Stockport, died 5th May 1733.

SARAH STANSFELD, married 5 January 1708-9, and died 1 Feb. 1723-4.

MARTIN HOUGHAM, of York, died 23rd May 1713.

ELIZABETH STANSFELD, baptised 1st Nov. 1687, married at Newark, 25 Sept. 1706, and died 5 March 1716.

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FLORENCE ELIZABETH SHORTELL.  
 CONSTANCE STANFELD SHORTELL.  
 JULIA SEBASTIAN SHORTELL.

## 4. CAROLINE COUSENS.

CAROLINE STANSFELD, fourth and youngest daughter of Timothy Stansfeld of Field House, New Cross, Surrey, by his second wife Ann (*née* Clark), married in 1814, JAMES COUSENS, J.P., of Blackheath, Kent. They had issue:—

1. Stansfeld Ellis Cousens, born 29th September 1815, married 9th June 1846, Emma, third daughter of Richard Edmonds of New Cross, and died in 1873. His widow now resides at Streatham Hill, Surrey. They had issue, Stansfeld Cousens, died in 1876; and Emma, married in 1876, Sebastian E. Shorter, and has issue, Florence Elizabeth, Constance Stansfeld and Felix Sebastian Shorter.

2. Caroline Cousens, born 23rd December 1816, married 6th April 1842, John Shorter of Oporto, Portugal, now of Oakfield, Forest Hill, London.

3. Kate Lancaster Cousens, died in 1877.

4. Frances Ashmeade Cousens, born 24th November 1819, married 21st May 1852, Richard Edmonds, junr., of New Cross, and died in 1877, having issue, Frances Evelina, Richard and Augusta Maud Edmonds.

5. Isabel Cousens, died in 1854.

6. Louisa Cousens, died in 1880.

7. James Cousens, married Catherine, daughter of Richard Edmonds, and died in 1867.

8. Edward Cousens, died in 1880.

9. Sidney Cousens, married Fanny, daughter of the Rev. W. Watkins of Chichester, and died in 1868.

10. Mary Harriott Cousens, married Henry Smithies, and died in 1858.

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IV.—ROBERT STANSFELD.

ROBERT STANSFELD, third son of Robert Stansfeld of Pond, and the eldest by his second wife, Elizabeth Blackburn, was born on the 7th November 1771, and died 2nd August 1855.





*Mr. Thomas Pitt, of Chesham*

He married LYDIA, daughter of John Walker of Mearclough House. She died 31st July 1816, aged 36 years. See the account of Sowerby church, for a mural tablet and east window, to their memory. They had issue, George, Robert, John, Jane and Lydia.

John Walker purchased the Mearclough bottom estate, from Samuel and John Waterhouse, assignees of Michael Wainhouse, 11th July 1795. His will, dated 19th December 1815, and other deeds connected with the estate, give the names of his issue. They were: Joseph Walker, son and heir; and John, who married 22nd November 1815, at Glossop, Ruth, second daughter of George Eyre of Upper House, Kinder, Derbyshire; Lydia, wife of Robert Stansfeld of Field House; Jane, wife of John Hodgson, of Mulcture Hall, Halifax; Mary, wife of John Lomas; Martha, married 15th October 1817, William Broadbent of Willow Hall; Ruth, wife of Edward Joy; Sarah, died unmarried, 21st September 1816, aged 15 years; Hannah, wife of Samuel Anderson Fourness; and Elizabeth Walker.

Robert Stansfeld inherited Field House, &c., on the death of George Stansfeld, who built the modern mansion, and who was the last male descendant of James Stansfeld of Bowood, fourth son of Josias Stansfeld of the Breck. And upon the extinction of the male issue of his father, by his first wife; that is, upon the death of Josias Stansfeld of Field House, New Cross, co. Surrey, in 1846, he became the male heir, and head of the family of Stansfeld of Sowerby.

Jane Stansfeld, his elder daughter, married the Rev. Daniel Darnell, M.A., vicar of Welton, Northamptonshire.

Lydia Stansfeld, the younger daughter, married at Halifax, 9th June, 1841, John Birkbeck, J.P., of Anley, co. York, who was born 7th July, 1817, elder son of John Birkbeck of Settle, by Margaret his wife, daughter of John Ion of Broadmire in Dent. Their issue was two sons, of whom next, and a daughter, who died young.

JOHN BIRKBECK of Bankwell, J.P., born at Settle. 1st July 1842, married his cousin, RACHEL WILHELMINA, second daughter of GEORGE STANSFELD M.A., J.P., barrister-at-law, 3rd October 1867,

and has issue : John, born 8th March 1872 ; Victor John, born 27th July 1873 ; Hylbert John, born 5th September 1879, and Mary Inez Birkbeck.

ROBERT STANSFELD BIRKBECK, the younger son of John Birkbeck and Lydia his wife, younger daughter of Robert Stansfeld of Field House, Sowerby, was born 23rd August 1847, and died unmarried, at the Infantry barracks, York, 11th July 1882. He was Major of the 3rd (Militia) Battalion, and Captain in the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, and died whilst on duty with the former.

He was very fond of heraldry and genealogy, and this present work is one, in which his whole heart and mind would have joined, in co-operation with the author ; who here desires to express, in lasting words, his deepest sympathy with those, who sorrowed most at his death ; and his own ever-present sense of the loss of one, whose assistance at this juncture, would have been so valuable and so willing. To describe his personal character, is to use words, which in future years, might be thought, by those who knew him not, too fulsome. Sufficient to quote one sentence, which has already appeared in print, and the announcement of his death by Colonel Freer, commandant of the 33rd Regimental District, of which the Brigade Depôt is at Halifax.

"Unselfish in all that he did, his habit was, while conscious of his own shortcomings, to detect keenly, and to dwell with pleasure upon, the good in others, and from their failings, to turn with persistent steadfastness."

The following is from the Battalion Orders, issued from Halifax, 12th July 1882 :—

"The Colonel Commanding announces with regret, the death (at York) of Major ROBERT STANSFELD BIRKBECK, of the 3rd Battalion. This officer's many acts of generous kindness, and constant display of interest in all that concerns the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, are well known to all ranks at the Depôt, and the Colonel Commanding feels assured, that all will share with him, the sincere regret, which the untimely death of this young officer merits."

He was buried, 21st July 1882, both the procession to the railway station at York, and the funeral at Settle church, being conducted in accordance with military regulations.

JOHN STANSFELD, the youngest son of Robert Stansfeld of Field House, was born 21st September, 1814. He was vicar of



Yours sincerely  
R. V. S. Birkbeck





Coniston Cold in Yorkshire. He married, first, at Giggleswick, 5th December, 1843, ELIZABETH, eldest daughter of John Birkbeck of Anley, and Margaret (*née* Ion) his wife, who was born at Settle, 5th April, 1819, and died at Conistone Cold, 9th February, 1861.

He married, secondly, 26th April, 1866, FRANCES, youngest daughter of James Hamerton of Hellifield Peel, and widow of Peter Garforth of Coniston Hall. He had issue by his first wife :—

1. John Birkbeck Evelyn Stansfeld, in holy orders, M.A. and rector of Preston, co. Rutland, born 27th November, 1846, married Agnes Mary, daughter of William Salmon Barrenger, and has issue : Marion Elizabeth, born 21st May, 1876 ; Frances Evelyn, born 16th September, 1877 ; and John Raymond Evelyn Stansfeld, born 20th April, 1880.

2. Amy Margaret Stansfeld ; and 3. Frances Elizabeth Stansfeld, married 12th September, 1883, the Rev. Alfred Stephenson Porter, M.A., vicar of Claines, Worcester, and has issue, Henry Michael Stansfeld Porter, born 29th September, 1884.

ROBERT STANSFELD, of Field House, J.P., second son of Robert, was born 5th December, 1805. He entered the military profession, and served with his regiment, the 19th Foot, in the West Indies. Whilst there, he married, in the island of Trinidad, on the 29th September, 1834, HANNAH LAETITIA, only child and heiress of Lewis Farley Clogston Johnston, chief justice of Trinidad, whose melancholy fate, as one of the passengers in the Royal mail steamship "Amazon," is mentioned amongst the mural inscriptions, in Sowerby church. On his return to England, Lieut. Stansfeld settled at the Breck, which occupies a site in the park at Field House. On the formation of the 6th West York Militia, the head-quarters of which were at Halifax, he received a commission as major, and eventually succeeded to the command of the regiment. He, however, retired from active service in 1874, and became the honorary colonel of the corps, now known as the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment.

The affiliation of the local militia and volunteers, to the regiment of regulars, whose head-quarters are stationed at the brigade depôts, throughout the country, and the addition of a territorial designation to the name, have been the work of recent years. It was highly satisfactory to the people of Halifax, that the 9th Brigade Depôt in that town, had assigned to it, the old Halifax regiment, the "Haver-cake lads," whose tattered colours were even then, rotting in a dusty corner of the parish church. These colours have now been cleaned, at the expense of the officers at the depôt; and, at an impressive service, in the presence of the members of the regiment there, and old pensioners, were placed one on each side of the great chancel arch, of the restored church of Halifax.

The 33rd Regiment of Foot was originally raised in the neighbourhood of Sowerby and Halifax, which has always been a prolific recruiting ground for the army. As in many other hilly districts, where Spring is late, and Autumn early, and the cultivation of wheat, a delusion and a snare, the principal cereal food, before the days of cheap bread, was oats. Even now, although the bread is made of wheaten flour, yet its general use is disputed by that of porridge, and oat-cake or haver-bread. The former is made of oatmeal, boiled thick in a pan, and either eaten mixed with milk, or turned out and allowed to stiffen on a plate, and consumed with a liberal amount of treacle.

The latter is mixed thinly, with milk or water, a little leaven added from the last baking, and baked thin, an eighth of an inch and less; being generally poured from a small cup, on to a "bak'-stone," over a fire. It is not allowed to bake hard, and, when properly cooked, is nicely browned and perfectly flexible. It is usually hung to dry, and then it becomes quite hard, over the cross pieces of a square frame, called a creel, which hangs close to the roof of the cottage-house, or farmhouse kitchen, and which also comes in useful for drying clothes, on the "black Monday" of the working man, the washing day.

"Haver" is Saxon for oats, and survives in the word, haversack, the sack in which the soldier carried his food, or, maybe, at one time, a feed of oats for his horse. The recruiting sergeant of the 33rd Regiment, when on enlisting duty, had his sword stuck through a cake of haver-bread; hence the origin of the name "haver-cake lads." It may be, that the custom was commenced in a time of bread famine, and signified to the starving people, a promise of plentiful food. Thus initiated, it would be continued as a badge of the district, where it was the staple food; and whence the regiment was raised. Walker's *Costumes of Yorkshire* depicts on plate 22, the recruiting for this regiment; but the ornament of the sergeant's sword, looks more like a woman's hat, than a "cake o' havver-bread."





Yours faithfully  
H. Johnston Mansfield

Colonel Stansfeld's wife died 17th November, 1864, aged 56 years. Their issue is : Lewis Johnston, born 21st October, 1836, and died 11th May, 1837 ; Robert Johnston ; John ; Lydia Jane unmarried now living ; Hannah Jane ; and Louisa Johnston Stansfeld, unmarried, now living.

ROBERT JOHNSTON STANSFELD, J.P., second son of Colonel Robert Stansfeld, was born on the 16th April, 1838 ; and married 14th June, 1871, AGNES, daughter of Joseph Harrison of Galligreaves Hall, and Samlesbury, Lancashire. He died, without surviving issue, at Firby Hall, near York, on the 23rd April, 1876, and is buried at Sowerby. He served in the 38th Foot, at the siege and fall of Sebastopol, from 1st June, 1855, including the attack and occupation of the cemetery, on the 18th June. He also was engaged in the Indian mutiny, from November, 1857, including the capture of Meangunge, siege and capture of Lucknow, and the affairs of Barree and Nugger. He received the medal and clasp for the Crimean war, a Turkish medal, and a medal and clasp for the Indian mutiny. He afterwards exchanged into the 12th Foot ; and in 1873, retired from the army as captain.

JOHN STANSFELD, of Dunninald Castle, Montrose, N.B., J.P. for Forfarshire, and West riding of Yorkshire, third son of Colonel Robert Stansfeld, and late captain in the Scots Greys, was born 16th January, 1840. He married on the 11th October, 1871, ELIZA, daughter and co-heiress of the late Patrick Arkley, of Dunninald ; but has no issue.

HANNAH JANE, second daughter of Colonel Stansfeld of Field House, married, 7th January 1863, JOHNSTON JONAS FOSTER of Moor Park, near Ludlow, co. Salop, Cliffe Hill, Lightcliffe, and Egton, near Whitby, co. York, J.P. for Shropshire, and the West riding of Yorkshire. He was the third son of John Foster of Hornby Castle, Lancashire, and of Queensbury, in the co. of York. In conjunction with two of his brothers, A. B. Foster of Canwell Hall, Staffordshire, and John Foster of Coombe Park, Whitchurch, Oxon., he rebuilt, in its present position, the beautiful Norman church of S. Hilda, at Egton, in 1879. And shortly before his death, he arranged, jointly with his two

brothers, already mentioned, and his eldest brother, William Foster of Hornby Castle, for the rebuilding of the chancel, and the general restoration of Holy Trinity church, Queensbury, which since his death, has been most successfully carried out. He built, at a cost of over £12,000, on a site, presented by himself, the new parish church of S. Matthew, at Lightcliffe. The previous church remains in the centre of the ancient churchyard, and is now used as a cemetery chapel. He was Major in the 2nd West York Yeomanry Cavalry, now called the Prince of Wales' Own, in which regiment he served many years. He died at Cannes in France, 26th February 1880, and was buried in the vault, beneath the Founder's chapel, south of the chancel of the new church of S. Matthew, Lightcliffe. He left three daughters: Katharine Loetitia, died at Moor Park 31st October 1883, aged 18, and buried in the churchyard of the parish of Richard's Castle; Ethel Jane, and Gertrude Stansfeld Foster.

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#### V.—GEORGE STANSFELD OF SETTLE.

GEORGE STANSFELD, eldest son of Robert Stansfeld, of Field House, Sowerby, was born 15th December, 1803, married 3rd July, 1834, and died 3rd March, 1869. He matriculated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and took his B.A. degree, as fifteenth wrangler, in 1826, and M.A. in 1829. He was educated for the bar, and was admitted at Lincoln's Inn, 22nd June, 1825.

He was called to the bar, 7th July, 1829, and practised in the northern circuit, and West riding sessions. He retired early from the bar, however, and became an active partner in the Craven Bank. He was a justice of the peace for the West riding of Yorkshire, and also for the county of Lancaster. He married, at Settle, SARAH, daughter of William Birkbeck of that place; who was born 29th June, 1806, and died 18th July, 1869. They had issue:—

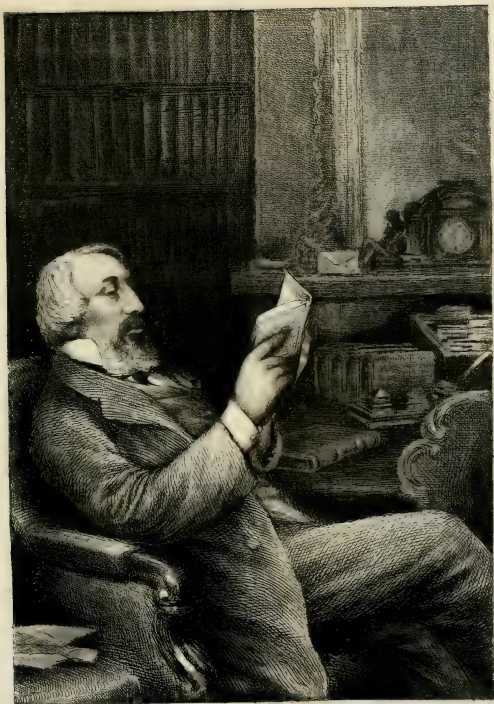
1. George Stansfeld, of whom next.



Mrs faithfully  
John W. Foster  
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Yours very faithfully  
Geo: Hampton







Zur Zeit  
Großstadt

2. Harold Eugene Stansfeld, born at Burnley, 5th December, 1843. He graduated B.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1866, and entered a student of Lincoln's Inn, 16th January, 1867. He was called to the bar, 10th June, 1870, and is a member of the north-eastern circuit.

3. Kenneth Adrian Stansfeld, born at Burnley, 11th October, 1845, died unmarried, 24th March, 1881.

4. Berthold Robert Stansfeld, born at Burnley, 22nd April, 1849. He graduated B.A. of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, in 1872, passing to the degree of M.A. in 1875. He entered as a student of the Inner Temple, 30th March, 1871, was called to the bar, 26th January, 1877, and became a member of the north-eastern circuit. He married, 19th October, 1881, Ada Marion, second daughter of James Hodson of Oakfield, Manningham, Yorkshire, and has issue, Elizabeth Maryons Stansfeld.

5. Elizabeth Stansfeld.

6. Rachel Wilhelmina Stansfeld, married 3rd October, 1867, her cousin, John Birkbeck, J.P., of Bankwell, Settle, elder son of John Birkbeck of Anley, J.P.

7. Sarah Georgina Stansfeld, married 25th April, 1865, Charles Henry Charlesworth, of Holly Bank, Settle, only son of Thomas Charlesworth of Leeds.

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## VI.—GEORGE STANSFELD OF COTTINGLEY HALL.

GEORGE STANSFELD, son and heir of George Stansfeld of Settle, was born at Halifax, 15th June 1836. He married at Hornby, 5th March 1867, HANNAH, fourth daughter of John Foster of Hornby Castle, Lancaster, and sister of Johnston Jonas Foster, already mentioned. He resides at Cottingley Hall, Bingley, is a J.P. for the county of York, and commands the 4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's, West Riding Regiment, of which, along with the 3rd battalion, his uncle, Robert Stansfeld of Field House, is honorary colonel. Lieut.-Colonel Stansfeld has issue, George Reginald, born 19th August 1870, Mabel, and Bertha Rosamond, born 27th February, and died 8th October, 1872.

## 2. JOSHUA STANSFELD OF HORTON.

JOSHUA STANSFELD, second of the seven sons of Josias Stansfeld, was, like his father, a member of the nonconformist congregation of Oliver Heywood. But his name occurs amongst the original members of the presbyterian "church," and not accompanying those, who joined from Mr. Root's Independent congregation. And the name of his wife occurs first, in a list of such members, as were dead or removed in 1697, and the letter R, signifying the latter change, against both of them. Other entries, evidently relating to him, occur amongst Oliver Heywood's Diaries, &c.; but it will be as well to preface that, according to the entry of his death, he was born about A.D. 1647.

1674 These two days viz. munday and tuesday June 22 and 23, 1674  
I haue been at two as solemne funerals, as ever I was in all my life. \* \* \* the latter JOSHUA STANSFIELD'S wife, who dyed in child-birth June 21 and the child with her, whom I saw laid in one coffin, the child in her arms, as tho it were asleep, an affecting sight, sad for relations, Lord sanctify it to all.

This was evidently his first wife, Martha, daughter of John Sharp, and sister of Abraham Sharp the mathematician, to whom he was married in 1672; for Joshua Stansfeld married at Bradford, 7th February, 1677, Judith Wood. As the Woods were a Hipperholme and Northowram family, this would explain, how her name occurs first, of the two, in the list of the members of Oliver Heywood's congregation. Taking into consideration, the melancholy end of his first wife, the following entry attains its due significance:—

15th November 1678. friday, I rode to little Horton, there Mr. Sharp, George Ward, Joseph Lister and [I] prayed, many others joyned, at Joshuah Stansfield's, for his wife near her time, oh w<sup>th</sup> a heart melting day was it, as to publick, private.

It will appropriately conclude this little incident, if the happy *dénouement* is added, which has already been given, in the account of Josias Stansfeld, the father of Joshua.

- 1679 May 19. munday, I rode to JOSHUA STANSFIELDS of little Horton, where Mr Sharp and I, and many others, kept a day of thanksgiving, for the deliverance in child bearing, of 5 brothers wives, viz. Timothys, Joshuas, Samuels, Jamess, Josiahs Stansfields wives in childbed.
- 1690 Oct. 26. Joshua Stansfield's wife of Little Horton, buried.
- 1692 Sep. 9. Baptised. Josiah, son of Joshua Stansfield, of Horton.
- 1704 Sep. 14. Married. John Stansfeld of Little Horton and Eliz. Battersby.
- 1705 Aug. 24. Elizabeth, wife of John Stansfield of Horton, died of the first child.
- 1713 Feb. 18. Josiah S. of Joshua Stansfeld of Horton buried, aged about 20.
- 1714 May 6. Married. Edward Hanson of Wyke and Mariha Stansfeld of Horton.
- 1724 Dec. 16. Joshua Stansfield of Horton buried his wife.
- 1725-6 Jan. 13. Married. Sam<sup>l</sup> Stansfield of Horton and Lydia, d. of Mr Sandford, Minister at Pontefract.
- 1733-4 Feb. 14. Joshua Stansfield of Little Horton, aged about 86 years,
- 1738 Oct. 21. Samuel Stansfield of Horton, died 21 Oct.

It seems very probable from the above, that there were two Joshua Stansfelds living at the same time, one of Horton and another of Little Horton, and that the former was brother to John and Samuel Stansfeld, and son of the other Joshua Stansfeld of Little Horton. The Halifax and Sowerby registers contain other entries :—

## MARRIAGE.

- 1703-4 Feby. 28. Jos<sup>h</sup> Stansfield and Joice Radcliffe, Sowerby.

## BAPTISMS.

- 1704-5 Feby. 12. Elizabeth D. of Joshua Stansfield.
- 1708 Sept<sup>r</sup> 19. Mary D. of Joshua Stansfield.
- 1709-10 March 12. Lydia D. of Joshua Stansfield.
- 1713 July 30. Martha D. of Joshua Stansfield.
- 1715 April 10. Ely S. of Joshua Stansfield.
- 1716 August 2. Abigail D. of Joshua Stansfield.

## BURIAL.

- 1716 August 27. Ely S. of Joshua Stansfield.

In some notes relating to the Lister family, written by James Lister of Shibden Hall, 14th May 1792, occurs the following, copied and sent for the purpose of this work, by John Lister, M.A., the present possessor of Shibden Hall.

“John Lister, third son of John Lister (of Upper Brea), was born on Thursday, 4th Feby. 1636, and was baptized 11th of the same month. He married ELIZABETH STANSFELD, daughter of JOSHUA STANSFELD, of Bradford. He lived at York and Manchester, and last at Jamaica, where he died, 20th October 1698, without any Issue.”

This marriage is not entered in the Lister pedigree, and the only Joshua Stansfeld, in the pedigree of the latter family, who might be supposed to have a daughter, contemporary with this John Lister, is the uncle of this Joshua Stansfeld, the captain of militia, who fought on the parliamentary side, at the battle of Adwalton moor. Mr. Lister also states, that Joshua Stansfeld of Horton, and Samuel Stansfeld of Bradford, were bidden to the funerals of the two daughters of Samuel Lister of Overbrea (brother of the above-mentioned John Lister), on the 10th April 1678, and the following 11th October.

### 3. SAMUEL STANSFELD OF BRADFORD.

SAMUEL STANSFELD, the third son of Josias, married, 12th April 1675, MARY CLARKSON of Bradford. She was one of the five brothers' wives in childbirth, at the same time, for whom Oliver Heywood and others, kept a day of thanksgiving, 19th May 1679. Heywood also records in his diary, a visit to her husband's house :—

“1678 September 24. Tuesday morning, I rode to Bradford, kept a private fast at Sam. Stanfield's, oh what a heart melting day was it, w'n Jo. Lister exercised, and myself, my heart was drawn out.”

In 1695, a new vicarage house was purchased for Bradford, at a cost of £153, archbishop Sharp giving £50. Amongst the other subscribers, occurs the name of Samuel Stansfeld for £2. In 1705, the seats of Bradford church, were allotted to the different owners of property, in the parish. Amongst them are :—



BRADFORD TOWNSHIP. Samuel Stansfield  $3\frac{1}{4}$  seats; Mrs Sharp or R. Stansfield  $2\frac{1}{4}$  seats.

HORTONS. Mrs Sharp or Robert Stansfield  $3\frac{1}{4}$  seats; Joshua Stansfield  $\frac{1}{2}$  seat.

BOWLING. Josa. Stansfield, Wm. Hodgson, Thomas Sugden and Tho. Walker, 1 seat.

Samuel and Robert Stansfield gave £5, towards the subscription for raising £100, made 16th January 1718, for increasing the endowment of the living of Sowerby. A letter from Ralph Thoresby, the historian of Leeds, to John Evelyn F.R.S., whose mother was a Stansfeld of Lewes, refers to Samuel Stansfield, who is said to have been the first to spell the surname, in the manner it is here represented.

“Honoured Sir. You obliged me with a letter at Christmas, which I gave you the trouble of an imperfect reply to, for tho’ I sent to Mr SAMUEL STANSFELD of Bradford, (the eldest living of that name,) to know whether they could prove their descent from the STANSFELDS of Stanfeld, a good family and ancient, in this West Riding of Yorkshire; he never vouchsafed me an answer till the other day, and now he writes, that tradition says they are descended from them, and as a confirmation, in several of their ancient houses, are painted the arms I enquired after; viz. sable, 3 goats rampant (I presume he means trippant), argent. His father, Josias, died anno 1703, in the 83rd year of his age, leaving 7 sons, one of whom is vicar of Newark-upon-Trent, the rest tradesmen of competent estates. It may perhaps be a pleasure to your friends, (and then it will be a great satisfaction to me,) to send you a pedigree of that ancient family, as I have it in a manuscript of the gentry of these parts. You will please, Sir, to pardon this repeated trouble from,

Sir, your most obliged humble Servant,

Leedes 6th April 1706.

RALPH THORESBY.

In Bradford church, is a small decorated monument, bearing: Vert, a chevron or, between three goats passant, argent; and the following inscription:—

Near this place lies interred the body of MR. SAMUEL STANSFELD, of Bradford, who died the first day of September 1727, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. Also, nine of his grandchildren, viz. six sons and three daughters, who all died in their minority.

He had issue: Robert, son and heir; Samuel, baptized at Bradford, 15th October 1678; and David, baptized 10th July 1681.

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## II.—ROBERT STANSFIELD OF BRADFORD.

ROBERT STANSFIELD, son and heir of Samuel, was baptized at Bradford, 22nd March 1676. His first wife was ELIZABETH, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Sharp M.A., of Little Horton, baptized 15th November 1680, and married 26th August 1703. In the chancel of Bradford church, on a monument to the memory of her mother and brother, is the following inscription, relating to herself:—

Also the body of ELIZABETH, wife of Mr. ROBERT STANSFIELD, of Bradford, late daughter of the said Thomas Sharp, who died October 3rd 1722, aged forty-two.

There is a short biography of the Rev. Thomas Sharp M.A., in James' *History of Bradford, Continuation*, pp. 308-10, and his will, &c., is given at p. 268. His brother, Abraham Sharp, the famous mathematician, is more fully commemorated, and a portrait given, in the same book, at pp. 400-9. Archbishop Sharp is said to have been of the same family; but the connecting link has not yet been discovered. The *Northowram Register* records the marriage and death of Mrs. Stansfield, as follows:—

Mr. Robert Stansfield of Bradford, married Mrs Elizabeth Sharp of Little Horton, Aug. 29 1703.

Madm. Stansfield, wife of Mr. Robert Stansfield of Bradford, died Oct. 3. bur. Oct. 6. 1722. A very valuable useful woman.

By her, Robert Stansfield had issue: Sharp, baptized 17th February, 1705, and buried 18th August, 1706; Thomas, baptized 12th May and buried 14th July, 1707; Samuel, baptized 14th November, 1712, and buried 15th November, 1717; Mary, baptized 25th April, 1709, and died 26th September, 1724; Elizabeth, baptized 26th November, 1711, and died in infancy; and Faith Stansfield. The *Northowram Register* records of the last-named:—

1722. Mr. Richard Gilpin Sawrey of Broughton Tower in Lanc're, and Mrs. Faith dr. of Mr. Robert Stansfield of Bradford mar. June 5.

In the chancel of Bradford church, on a monument of various coloured marbles, erected at the expense of Hannah Gilpin Sharp, is the following inscription :—

Near this place lies interred the body of FAITH SAWREY, widow of RICHARD GILPIN SAWREY, Esq., of Horton, many years in the commission of peace for this county, who departed this life November 30th, 1767.

She was a legatee in the will of her great uncle, Abraham Sharp, for two closes, and £400, lent upon bond to her father, Robert Stansfield ; also for £200 owing by Robert Gilpin of Whitehaven ; £200 owing by Mr. Gilpin, sugar baker, Whitehaven, and £450 owing by Richard G. Sawrey, her husband. She died, aged 63, and left no issue.

ROBERT STANSFIELD'S second wife was ANNA, eldest daughter of William Busfeild, of Rishworth Hall, near Bingley. She was born 20th June, 1697, married 3rd September, 1723, and died 1st December, 1757, aged 60. They had issue : Robert, son and heir, of whom next ; William, born 1725, died of small pox, 1st December, 1727 ; William, baptized 7th October, 1730, died unmarried 14th July, 1762 ; Thomas, baptized 24th June, 1733, died unmarried, 24th March, 1765 ; Samuel, born 1735, died 1737 ; Elizabeth, born 1725, died of small pox, and was buried 16th November, 1727 ; and Annie, of whom hereafter.

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### III.—ROBERT STANSFIELD OF ESHOLT.

ROBERT STANSFIELD, son and heir of Robert, was baptized at Bradford, 24th January, 1727, and died 14th September, 1772, aged 44 years. See the account of Guiseley church, for a monument to his memory. He married his cousin, JANE, daughter and co-heiress of Richardson Ferrand of Harden, by Anne, younger daughter of William Busfeild of Rishworth Hall, Bingley ; and had no issue. He purchased Esholt Hall, from Sir Walter Blackett, second baronet, in 1755.

ANNIE STANSFELD, only surviving sister and heiress of Robert Stansfield of Esholt, was born 27th August, 1729, and died at Esholt, 12th February, 1798, aged 68. She married at Otley, 27th August, 1758, WILLIAM ROOKES, of Royds Hall, senior bencher of Gray's Inn, who was born 27th August, 1719, and died 24th October, 1789. See their monument in Guiseley church. They had no surviving male issue, and their daughter ANNA MARIA ROOKES, married in 1786, JOSHUA CROMPTON of York. These latter had issue: WILLIAM ROOKES CROMPTON, who assumed the additional surname and arms of STANSFELD, in 1832, in compliance with the testamentary injunction of his mother. He married Emma, eldest daughter of William Markham, of Becca Hall, co. York, and granddaughter of archbishop Markham, but had no issue. The present possessor of Esholt is his nephew, General William Henry Crompton Stansfield.

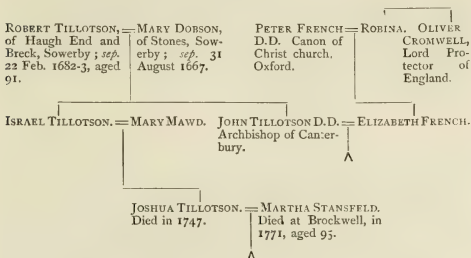
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#### 4. JAMES STANSFELD OF BOWOOD.

JAMES STANSFELD, fourth son of Josias, resided at Bowood in Sowerby. He married, in 1677, HANNAH, daughter of George Hurst of Bradbury, co. Chester. She died in 1705, and was buried at Sowerby, on the 12th November. He died in 1730, and was buried at the same place, on the 29th June. They had issue: Josiah, baptized 9th September, 1680, and died young; George, son and heir, of whom next; Martha, baptized 6th October, 1678, married 3rd August, 1698, Joshua Tillotson, nephew of archbishop Tillotson, and buried 30th July, 1771, stated to be of Brockwell, and aged 95; Ellen, baptized 25th June, 1682; Elizabeth, baptized 10th February, 1683-4, married 3rd May, 1710, Richard Marsden, curate of Sowerby, afterwards of Hornsey, co. York; Hannah, baptized 9th August, 1688, buried at Sowerby, 7th October, 1718; Alice, buried 8th March, 1702; and Sarah, baptized 16th December, 1690, married 13th January, 1715, Thomas Oldfield, of Warley, and had issue, Timothy Oldfield and others.

Martha Stansfeld, who married Joshua Tillotson, had issue: John; Joshua, M.A., sur-master of S. Paul's school, London,

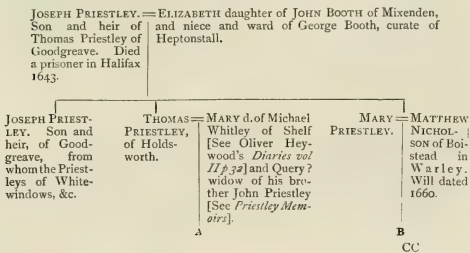
who died in August, 1763; and Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah, and Martha. The connection between her husband and archbishop Tillotson, is shewn in the following pedigree sketch:—

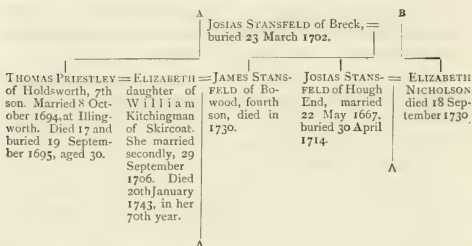


The *Northowram Register* thus records the second marriage of James Stansfeld:—

1706. Mr. James Stansfeld of Bowood in Sowerby and Mrs. Elizabeth Priestley (Mr Kitchingman Dau.) married Sept. 29.

She was the widow of Thomas Priestley of Holdsworth, the brother of Jonathan Priestley of Priestley Green, who wrote the *Memoirs of the Priestley Family*. Through this marriage, a double connection between the Stansfeld and Priestley families was made, as will be seen by a glance at the pedigree shewing it. She died 20th January, 1743, in her 70th year.





The two entries, alluded to in connection with the above marriage of Thomas Priestley of Holdsworth, are:—

7. Francis Priestley, a solid ancient christian, yet upon his coming to live with his [wife's] daughter and son in law, Thos. Priestley at Holdsworth, he lesse approved Mr. Root's way, but dyed in the faith, about the year 1666.

My brother John lived in London; after the war was over, he married Mary, daughter of Michael Whitley of Shelf, that he had by Sybil, that was afterwards married to my uncle Francis. Joseph Whitley, her brother, a Lieutenant in the Parliament Army, died of his wounds at Selby. [See Walker's *Halifax Registers*, p. 76.]

James Stansfeld of Bowood, John Tillotson of London and Henry Barrell, were the first trustees of the Bairstow charity school, named in the will of Paul Bairstow, clerk, of Rochester, dated 31st March 1711. James Lister, who succeeded upon the death of his cousin, Samuel Lister, in 1702, to the Shibden Hall estates, practised in medicine in Halifax, previously to that date. Amongst his patients, entered in his ledger now at Shibden Hall, are Thomas Stansefeld of Idle, 19th January 1690, and Mr. James Stansfeild, May 1699.

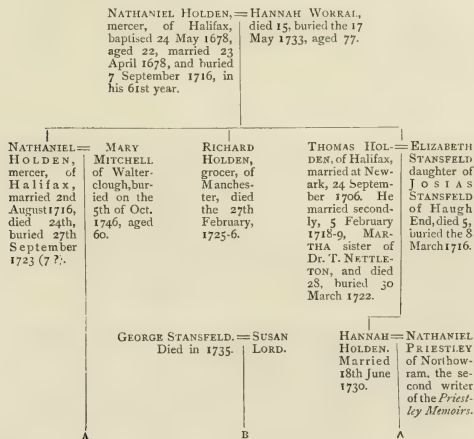
## II.—GEORGE STANSFELD OF BOWOOD.

GEORGE STANSFELD, son and heir of James, was baptised 5th February 1685, and married 12th September 1709, SUSAN LORD. His death is recorded in the *Northowram Register*, as follows:—

1735. George Stansfield of Sowerby was found dead upon a Moor,  
Nov. 21. had bin long Melancholy.

They had issue: James, baptised 12th March 1710, buried in July 1743, called of Fieldhouse; George, of whom hereafter; Ann, baptised 24th January 1711, and died unmarried; Alice, baptised 9th February 1713, and died unmarried; Susan, baptised 25th November 1718, and died unmarried; Sarah, of whom next; and Martha, baptised 4th August 1723, died unmarried.

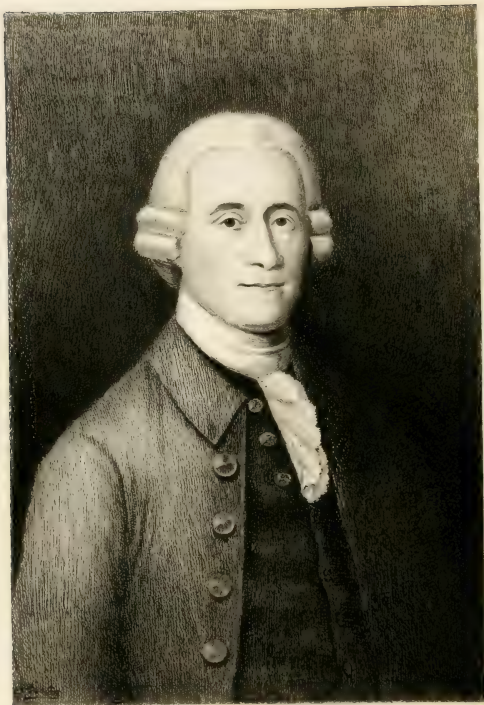
SARAH STANSFELD was baptised 2nd April 1720, and married Richard Holden, merchant, of Bartholemew Lane, London, whom she survived. Her half cousin, Elizabeth, daughter of Josias Stansfeld of Haugh End, had previously, in 1706, married into the same family. The following sketch will serve to shew the connection.











*James Oglethorpe*  
*1734*

daughter, Mary, his executors. He ordered all to be sold, and £12,000 to be invested in the public funds, for the use of his wife, during her life, and then to be divided between his two daughters, share and share alike, and the residue to them.

On the 29th June 1779, Samuel and Susan Prime, Sarah and Mary Holden, and GEORGE STANSFELD of Fieldhouse, joined in a conveyance, to George and John Pollard, of Halifax and London, merchants, for £2100, of certain hereditaments in Halifax; and also had surrendered to them, a messuage and close &c. purchased by Nathaniel, grandfather of Richard Holden, from William Drake, and the messuage &c. since erected thereon.

The same parties conveyed to William Bolland, of Halifax, tinplate worker, and Thomas Bolland gent. of Leeds, for £900, a messuage in Crown street, Halifax, late in the occupation of George Pollard, "and the pew or seat in the Parish Church, being fourth from the West wall of the South chapel, and adjoining on the West side, the passage leading from the outdoor, opening into the said South chapel, towards the South aisle, in the body of the said Church; and also two seats or sittings, belonging the said messuage, being the two seats next the door, of a pew on the North side of the great or middle aisle, which is the fourteenth from the Choir, and the eleventh from the cross passage next the Choir."

### III.—GEORGE STANSFELD OF FIELD HOUSE.

GEORGE STANSFELD, son of George Stansfeld of Bowood, was born in 1725. He married MARY, daughter of James Lord, of Todmorden (who bore: Azure, on a chevron between three annulets, or, three martlets of the field), and died 20th February 1805, aged 79, without issue. The following is the entry in the register of marriages :—

20th April 1795. George Stansfeld of Field House in Soyland esq. to Mary Lord of Field House, Sp<sup>r</sup>. Robt. Webster min<sup>r</sup>.

His wife died 25th February, and was buried 5th March 1799, and he erected a monument to her memory, in Sowerby church, on which is a long eulogium, for which see the chapter relating to Sowerby, page 171.

He was very active in public business, relating to the township of Sowerby; and in 1749, being churchwarden, was the prime mover, in obtaining a commission of pious uses, held that year, to enquire into the administration of Waterhouse charities, the result being to establish the claim of the whole parish of Halifax to the benefits, and his own appointment, as one of the trustees, of that charity. But successive attempts to form Sowerby into a separate parish, and to appropriate, to the endowment of the church, the dues and fees payable to the vicar of Halifax, from that township, were eminently unsuccessful. As Elland, with claims vastly superior, both from their antiquity, and the greater importance of the chapel and township, had made the like endeavours, time after time, and failed as often, no other result could have been expected.

These futile endeavours, however, chiefly displayed themselves, in opposing the churchwardens of Halifax, in their work of improving and repairing the ancient church there; to the cost of which, the whole parish was liable, in certain fixed proportions. So when a new pulpit and reredos were proposed, the chapelwardens of the out-townships opposed, and a case was put before counsel, W. Stables, York, and his opinion obtained, 16th July 1748. The case as put, is very interesting, but too long for insertion here; but the following extracts immediately refer to the reredos and pulpit:—

“That round the Communion table, on the Wall thereof, Hung a very Hansome Tapestry, in a Decent manner, as the same hath Hung there, for these 60 Y: past. But the Vicar and so y<sup>e</sup> Churchwardens at his request, would have the same Taken of, and a fine Cieling made there in its stead, and would have y<sup>e</sup> Chapelwardens contributory to y<sup>e</sup> Change thereof. N.B. We are informed, that This New Pulpit is intended to be a Running Pulpit, and its cost £200. And to be made so as, that when the Doctor thinks fit, he may run from one end of the Church to the other.”

Similar opposition was offered to other payments, *e.g.*, for chipping the church bells, and repairing the frames, chimes and clock, ringers for special occasions, prayer books for the church, sexton's clothes, &c., and several actions took place at law upon

the subject, in which George Stansfeld was one, and sometimes the only, defendant. On the 28th January 1764, the archbishop wrote a letter to the curate and churchwardens of Sowerby, with the concurrence of Sir George Savile M.P., which seems to have effectually allayed the disputes, between Sowerby and Halifax; as may be seen by an interchange of letters, between the two churchwardens, George Stansfeld and John Priestley, in which the latter refuses to have anything more to do with the affair, upon the grounds stated by the archbishop. The letter of the former, is reproduced in *fac-simile*.

Amongst other public affairs, George Stansfeld took great interest, in the construction of the canal; and two glass punch bowls are still preserved at Field House, which were made by his direction, and have cut upon them, representations of the benefits, which would accrue from the completion of such undertakings. Upon the building of the new church at Sowerby, which was mainly due to his liberality and exertions, he purchased the east window, and other portions of the old church, and re-erected them at Field House. He also directed the execution of the statue of archbishop Tillotson, in Sowerby church, an engraving of which is given in this work. The artist was Joseph Wilton R.A., statuary to the king, and keeper of his majesty's royal academy; and the model, presented by him, to George Stansfeld, is now kept in the hall at Field House.

Early in the sixteenth century, Field House was the property of a family, of the name of Brig. On the 12th October 1533, William Brig of the parish of Halifax, made his will, and directed his body to be buried in the parish church of S. John the Baptist, at Halifax:—

“ Before the altar of my chauntry, which I have founded in the north pt. of the said church, adioynnyng unto on chapell, lately edified and buylded by the Revende fader in God, lorde William Rokeby.

Also I will, that Richard Brig of Warley, and the heires of his body lawfully begottyn, be patrons and defenders of and in my said chauntry whiche I have founded in the said church of Halifax, and the said Richard and his heires to have

nō'ation and puttyng in of any suche honeste prest, as shall s've in the said chauntrie for ever; savyng that I William Brig have p'mysed and yevyn the said chauntrie, to Sir Richard Brig during his lif naturall."

They were to pay to Sir Richard, and to his successors, £4 13s. 4d. yearly at Pentecost and S. Martin in winter; and in case of default, Sir Richard or his successors were to have power to enter :—

"Unto the hoole lands, nowe in the holdyng of Gilbert Sharpe, Gilbert Wod, Thomas Sharpe and Henry Flecher, lyeing on the south parte of on hie waye, ledyng frome the comō called Sowerby Moore, unto the house of George Halddesworth called Breke."

"To John Brig and his heirs, on place of land called the feld house, with all the edifyeing, buyldyng thereto belongyng."

"Also I gif and bequeath xs to bye ij candlesticks, and other things necessarie to the said altar and chauntrie; also I bequeath to the makyng of on stone brig, at Reponden, vijs. vjd."

Edward Tattersall of Sowerby, by will dated 4th June 1549, bequeathed to his son Edward :—

"My whole tacke of my fermhold called Feldehouse; and also twoo oxen, and too paire of walker sheres."

He was, as the wording shews, merely a tenant of Field House.

The next mention we have come across of the place, gives another family as the owners. It is in the tithe composition deed of 1573, relating to the impropriate rectory of Halifax.

Richard Wade of Sourebye, for all his landes there, late the ynheritaunce of Cristofer Feilde, paid.	1s od
Rob. Wade of Sowerbye, for certeyne landes, called Feildhous, paid.	5d

William Brigge of the Field House, yeoman, was one of the jury named in an award, made 26th August, 17th Elizabeth [1575].

The will of John Brigge of Fieldhouse, was proved 29th January 1595, mentioning his children, Samuell, Jeremy, Dorothy, Mary and Grace.

On the 21st July 1613, Jerinij Bridge of the Feldhouse in Sowerby, clothier, made his will, mentioning his wife, Susan, his brother-in-law, James Hileley, and his children Easter, Febye [Esther and Phœbe], Susan and Joseph.

The same Jeremy is mentioned as a cousin of blood, in the will of Edward Robinson of Sowerby, late of the Lumme, yeoman, dated 24th January 1606-7. He bequeathed to him, six messuages at Dean Head, in the township of Quarmby, and appointed him one of his executors.

One of his daughters, Susan Brig, made her will, 3rd May 1628, bequeathing "to Maister Simons xs," £5 each to her brothers, Joseph and Isaac, and 20s to her uncle, Samuel Brig, when her sisters Easter and Phebye thought fit, and the residue to her sisters. She appointed her father [step-father], Isaac Farrer, her executor.

A commission held at York, 30th July 1672, found that Robert Wade, late of Fieldhouse, gent. surrendered, 10th January, 37th Elizabeth [1594-5] an annuity of £4, out of a copyhold messuage called Quickstavers, to the use of the most indigent poor in Sowerby. Also, that it had been withheld by one Jeremy Briggs, who was decreed to pay it, with arrears and costs.

At another inquisition, held at the same place, 11th August 1674, it was found that the same Robert Wade, who is said to have purchased Fieldhouse from Henry, son and heir of Edward Farrer, gave, 10th January 1594-5, an annuity of £5 to Heath grammar school; that Fieldhouse &c. after Wade's death, came to John Mitchell of Halifax, gent. who paid the annuity. His son, Abraham Mitchell, refused to pay it, in 1665. The commissioners, after hearing his defence, decided against him, and decreed accordingly. Abraham Mitchell filed a bill of exceptions against this decree, 11th February 1675-6, on the following and other grounds. That Henry Farrer, Nicholas Hanson and Mary his wife, John Farrer and Isabel his wife, surrendered Fieldhouse, 24th February 1603-4, to the use of Richard Nayler, and Thomas his son and heir. The latter surrendered it, 20th April 1607, to the use of Nathan Carter, who surrendered it, 13th April 1640, to the use of John Mitchell.

The new hall at Field House, was built by George Stansfeld, in 1749; and by his will, with other estates, it passed into the hands of Robert Stansfeld, who died in 1855, the father

of its present possessor. The following condensed copy of the draft of a will of this George Stansfeld, is interesting. The letter, which accompanied it, is produced in fac-simile ; and the remarks, which the testator made in the margin of the draft, are inserted in brackets.

He directs his funeral expenses, and the debts justly due at his death, to be paid out of his personal estate, his Navigation Stock, and furniture, plate, linen, jewels, books, pictures and household effects, in his mansion called Fieldhouse, only excepted ; and if insufficient, then out of his real estate, his aforesaid mansion house, and the lands &c. therewith occupied, at the time of his death, again excepted. [*I occupy a great deal Lands more than belong to the Place.*]

He gave to his niece, MARY HOLDEN, all his horses, husbandry, tools &c. and also all the residue of his personal estate, except the Navigation Stock, and Field house furniture &c.

He bequeathed his real estate to his cousin, James Oldfield of Warley, in trust, Bowood for a term of sixty years after his death, for the special purpose mentioned hereafter ; and after such term be ended, along with the remaining real estate, to the use of MARY HOLDEN, for life ; then to her sons successively, in tail male ; remainder to the use of RICHARD PRIME, second son of his niece, SUSAN PRIME, remainder to his sons in tail male ; and remainder, in default, to testator's cousin, TIMOTHY STANSFELD of London, as described under that heading. The personalty of Fieldhouse &c. Navigation Stock, to go with the real estate.

" And whereas the late Dr. Wood, late Vicar of Halifax, did heretofore, commence a suit in the Exchequer, against several poor housekeepers in Sowerby, to compel payment of various sums of money, alleged to be due to him, as Vicar of Halifax ; which suit I defended, at my own expense, thinking the same groundless, and so in the event it terminated ; I therefore wish to protect the poor, who are unable to defend themselves, against such oppressive claims and suits in future. And for that purpose, do hereby expressly declare, that the said term of 60 years, herein before limited in use as aforesaid, is so limited upon trust, that if any such suit or suits, shall hereafter be commenced, by the present or any succeeding vicar of Halifax, within that time, against any poor person or persons resident in Sowerby, that then, and in such case, the Trustee of the said term, his executors, or administrators, shall



Field House Jan<sup>y</sup> 11/91

Dear Sir

If you foresee no danger  
or hindrance that may arise from  
Mr Timothy Stansfeld's being a Trustee  
considering his reversionary right  
then I w<sup>o</sup>d have him <sup>added</sup> joined to  
Emblefield and I w<sup>o</sup>d have Wiffhold  
to be sole executrix provided her being  
cannot hinder them in the execution  
of their Trust.

I leave these to your consideration  
and beg you'll order every thing  
you think most proper and most safe  
and I hope to call upon <sup>you</sup> next Saturday  
where the papers may be signed.

I am with great regard

Dear Sir Yours most truly  
not certain whether  
Library be mentioned  
the furniture it sh<sup>d</sup> be so.



and may take and receive the rents and profits of the premises, comprised in the said term, or so much thereof as he or they shall think fit (having regard to the circumstances and conditions of the defendants) and dispose of the same, in defending any such suit or suits, and defraying the costs thereof; leaving it entirely to my said trustee of the said term, his executors and administrators, to determine, from time to time, who are, or are not, objects of such indemnity, and who ought or ought not in such cases, to be indemnified and protected, by the means aforesaid [*I think a few words should be put in, to declare that I do not mean to protect anyone that is able to protect himself*] (meaning only to protect the poor, and not such as are able to defend themselves).

Am surviving trustee in the will of Samuel Hill, deceased. and may be entitled to remainder of his real estate, and having advanced considerable sums to the Rev. Charles Vincent and Amelia his wife, and on their account, stand engaged to pay other sums—if right heirs do become entitled to any estate, under said will, they to pay to my executrix, the money advanced to Mr and Mrs Vincent, with interest.

Devises, who enjoy estate, to take surname of STANSFELD, and also the respective husbands, not being of that name, of any female who may come into possession of the real estate. [*As no Female is to be entitled, but Miss Holden, this may be left out.*] And within one year of possession, to bear the Arms and Crest of STANSFELD, and shall apply for, or endeavour to obtain, an Act of Parliament, or proper Licence from the Crown.

And hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, I constitute and appoint the said Mary Holden, sole Executrix of this my Will, hoping she will see the same duly performed, as my trust is in her, for that purpose reposed."

As may have been expected, the name of George Stansfeld, appears frequently in contemporary deeds.

Joseph Farrar of Cliff hill in Warley, gentleman, in his will, dated 23rd June 1773, appointed GEORGE STANSFELD of Field-house, Sowerby, merchant, and William Buck of Halifax, merchant, trustees.

Manor of Wakefield 1783. James Greenwood of Cold Edge, yeoman, surrendered for £14, to GEORGE STANSFELD of Field-house in Sowerby, merchant, and William Buck of Halifax, merchant, trustees in will of Joseph Farrar, late of Cliffhill, gent.

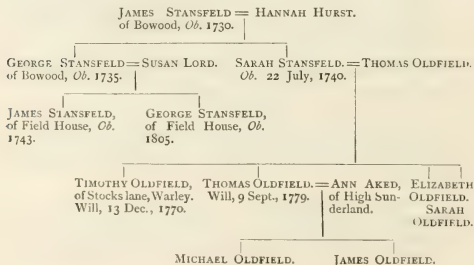
deceased, a cottage called Roylshead, theretofore in occupation of David Greenwood, but now of John Radcliffe, with liberty to fetch water from a draw well of one Joseph Sutcliffe, in trust under said will.

He is mentioned in a surrender, dated 13th February 1784, of Longbottom mills, Warley, as a late tenant, the then tenant being Adam Drake.

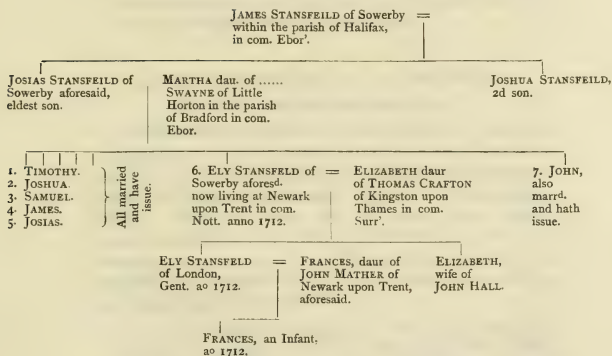
In a mortgage, dated 20th August 1788, by Richard and William Hopwood of Halifax, gentlemen, GEORGE STANSFELD esquire, is mentioned as occupying a messuage, called Bentley Royd Farm, in Sowerby. In a subsequent deed of sale to Joseph Priestley of Whitewindows, esquire, for £1,020, the same property is described as a messuage called Bentley Royd, otherwise Lower Bentley Royd, formerly in occupation of Michael Howarth, and then of GEORGE STANSFELD, esq., and also twelve closes (44 days work) and the Spring wood (10 days work) in occupation of Mary Hopwood.

In a draft will, dated 13th December, 1770, of Timothy Oldfield of Stocks lane in Warley, gentleman, he mentions his brother, Thomas, his sisters, Elizabeth and Sarah Oldfield, and nephew, James Oldfield. He bequeathed the residue of his estates in Warley, Norland, and Sowerby, (copyhold surrendered) to his cousin, GEORGE STANSFELD of Fieldhouse, merchant, in trust.

The following short pedigree shows the relationship, between the Stansfelds and Oldfields :—



## Stansfeld of Newark.



N.B.—Stansfield in Yorksh<sup>r</sup> is within the parish of Totmerden in Lancashire as Mr. Stansfeld says.

*From the Original (H to Z. 9, p. 159) in the  
Heralds' College, London.*

*Stephen Foster*  
*2 May 1885 Somerset Herald*



In a MS. pedigree of the Holroyd family, written by W. F. Holroyde of Heath Royd, Skircoat, in 1845, the following reference occurs :—

Jeremiah Holroyd, born at Woodlane Hall, removed to Kebroyd, which he purchased from GEORGE STANSFELD esq. of Field House, had

Robert Holroyd of Kebroyd, (died 1814), which he sold to Walker Priestley esq. had

Joseph Holroyd of Stainland, who died without issue, 22nd June 1856, and possessed the coat of arms, formerly belonging to the Holroyds, given to his grandfather, by GEORGE STANSFELD esq. in 1780, on his purchasing the Kebroyd estate.

#### 5.—ELY STANSFELD, M.A., OF NEWARK.

##### HERALDS' COLLEGE PEDIGREE NO. V.

ELY STANSFELD, fifth son of Josias Stansfeld of the Breck, is mentioned in the letter, already quoted, of Ralph Thoresby to John Evelyn. He was vicar of Newark-upon-Trent, and married ELIZABETH, daughter of Thomas Crayton of Kingston-upon-Thames. They had issue, Ely of London, (who married Frances, daughter of John Mather, of Newark, and had issue Frances, an infant, in 1712), and Elizabeth, who married John Hall, and was a widow in 1732. The following are the wills of Ely Stansfeld and his widow :—

*P.C.C. Register "Schaller"* 165. Will of ELY STANSFELD, Vicar of Newark-upon-Trent, co. Nottingham, clerk. Dated 4th April 1719, proved 12th July 1720, by ELIZABETH STANSFELD, widow, the relict, and executrix.

To dear and loving wife, all those three messuages or tenements in Newark-upon-Trent, in the tenures of Guydo Dickinson, Charles Dranfields, and Thomas Cooper or assigns.

To my brother SAMUEL STANSFELD, of Bradford, £50.

To my nephew, JOHN STANSFIELD of Haughends near Halifax, £50.

To John Wyatt, at the Rose in Paul's Churchyard, London, £18 to be equally distributed, to those trustees, who had a chancery suit about Barrington's business.

To Mr. Shute of London House, £5 to be distributed at the discretion of the Society for the propagating Christian Knowledge.

To son and daughter, HALL, 20s. each, and residue to his wife, whom he appointed his executrix.

ELY STANSFELD.

Witnesses :—Ellin Allwood, John Wray, and Ro: Heron.

*P.C.C. Register "Bedford"* 274. Will of ELIZABETH STANSFELD, of Brentford, co. Midd<sup>x</sup>, widow. Dated 20th Sept<sup>r</sup> 1732, and proved 2nd Nov<sup>r</sup> 1732, by ELY STANSFELD the son and executor.

To my loving son, ELY STANSFELD, all effects in the hands of my nephew, ROBERT STANSFELD of Bradford, Yorkshire. Also all effects in the hands of my loving brother, JOHN STANSFELD of Sorbey in Yorkshire.

To loving daughter, ELIZ. HALL, widow, £20.

To servant, Mary Fasinge, £15 viz. £10 in money, and £5 in mourning.

Residue to son ELY STANSFELD, sole Executor.

Mark of ELIZ. STANSFELD.

Witnesses :—Wm. Meredith, John Cooksley, and Richard Neall.

## 6.—JOSIAS STANSFELD OF HAUGH END.

JOSIAS or JOSIAH Stansfeld, sixth son of Josias Stansfeld of the Breck, married, 22nd May 1667, ELIZABETH, daughter of Matthew Nicholson of Boistead and Graystones, in Warley. He was buried on the 30th September 1714; the *Northowram Register* states he died on the 7th, and thus records the death of his widow :—

1730. Mrs. Elizabeth Stansfield of Hough End near Sowerby Bridge, Widow of Mr. Josiah Stansfield, died Sept<sup>r</sup> 18, a good woman and usefull in her place.

The Sowerby register of burials, gives four burials of members of the family, of the same christian name, about this time, viz. 24th December 1681, 23rd January 1684-5, 23rd March 1702-3, and 30th September 1714. The last is the burial of this Josias;



the one before it, that of his father ; and one of the other two, will probably be that of Joshua Stansfeld, brother of the latter, who is said to have died about 1680.

Josias Stansfeld of Haugh End, had issue : John, son and heir, of whom next ; Lydia, married 19th October 1703, Richard Milne, minister at Stockport, who died 5th May 1732, leaving issue, she was buried at Stockport, 31st October 1741 ; Sarah, married 5th January 1708-9, Martin Hotham of York, who died suddenly, 23rd May 1713, she died 1st February 1723-4 ; Elizabeth, baptized 1st November 1687, married at Newark, 25th September 1706, Thomas Holden of Halifax, and died 5th March 1716, leaving issue as *vide* Holden pedigree, already given ; Martha, baptized 22nd July 1691, and buried 14th November 1700 ; Mary, baptized 3rd April, and buried 5th September, 1694 ; and Abigail, baptized 13th July 1696, and buried 14th September 1700.

His will mentions his wife Elizabeth, his son John, and his daughters Sarah Hotham, Elizabeth Holden, and Lydia Milnes, and also Gilbert, Richard, John and Hannah Holden, his grandchildren.

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## II.—JOHN STANSFELD OF HAUGH END.

JOHN STANSFELD, son and heir of Josias or Josiah of Haugh End, married, 4th November 1719, ELIZABETH JENKIN- of Lime Ditch, near Manchester. They had no issue. His name occurs in the following deeds :—

28th and 29th June, 1728. Abstract of title to Darcey Hey and Lane Ends, Skircoat. Mortgage for £259, by John Towne to JOHN STANSFELD of the Haugh End, merchant.

1st and 2nd June, 1752. Release of above mortgage upon repayment, by JOHN STANSFELD to Richard Towne, son of George Towne, brother of the original mortgager.

2nd October 1741. Conveyance from the executors of the late John Smith of Norland, to John Priestley of White-windows, yeoman, of, amongst others, a close at Sowerby street, in the occupation of JOHN STANSFELD, gentleman.

13th and 14th December 1751. Abstract of title to the Willow Hall estate. Indenture of lease and release, by Thomas Martin of Upper Willow Hall, merchant, and John Martin of Halifax, merchant, co-partners, to Robert Allenson of Royde in Soyland, merchant, and the Rev. Edward Allenson, Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, clerk, for £1,300 of (*inter alia*) the half part of a parcel of land or wood, called Stansfield Wood, divided by a hedge, half of a close called Little Wood, and half an inclosure called a field, on the North of a messuage called Westbothom, sometime since, the estate of George Holroyd, deceased, and then of Mr. JOHN STANSFELD, all in Norland, late in the occupation of JOSIAS STANSFELD, and now of John and Jo. Soothill. Proviso for redemption in one year.

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#### 7.—JOHN STANSFELD OF SOWERBY.

HERALDS' COLLEGE PEDIGREE NO. IV. [SECOND PORTION].

JOHN STANSFELD of Sowerby, seventh son of Josias of the Breck, was born in 1657. He married, for his first wife, in 1681, ELIZABETH HIRST of Adswood Hall, co. Chester, whose burial is thus mentioned in the *Northowram Register*.—

1690. John Stansfield's wife buried at Sowerby, Mar 25. aged 40, long under weakness.

They had issue: John, baptized 5th June 1682, and buried 3rd November 1684; Eli, of whom next; George, baptized 30th May 1687, died s. p.; and Samuel, baptized 17th December 1688, and buried 30th April 1701.

He married, secondly, on Christmas Day 1690, ANNA, daughter of the Rev. Robert Bath M.A., vicar of Rochdale, by his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Randall Healey of Spotland, Rochdale. She was baptised at Rochdale, 15th June 1656, being named after her aunt, Anna Healey; and buried, 7th October 1728.

The issue of the second marriage was: John, baptized 21st April 1692; Josiah, baptised 19th June 1694; Hannah, baptised 11th October 1696; and Alice, baptised 8th August, and buried 17th September, 1700; all of whom died young.

Arms:—Sable, 3 goats trippant, ar. bearing on an escutcheon of pretence, the quarters of Wolrich, viz:—  
 1st and 3rd. Wolrich.—A. a chevron between 3 swans, ar.  
 2d. Upon.—Sable, a cross moline ar.  
 3d. Dalmation.—Per fess ar. and or, 3 chequels counter-changed.  
 4th. Wolrich.—Sable, on a chief ar. 3 torteaux.  
 5th. Rowley.—Ar. a fess between 3 mollets sable, pierced of the field.  
 6th. Culling.—Vert, a griffin rampant, or; on a canton of the second a fleur de lis of the first.  
 7th. Hanton.—Sable, a chevron between 3 gables, or.  
 Crest: A demi lion rampant, argent.  
 Motto: NOBIS TESTIMUS.

JOHN STANSFELD, of Lichfield, baptised 5 June 1682, buried 3 Nov. 1684.

ELI STANSFELD, of Sowerby, baptised 15 July 1683, married 1 May 1734, and died 11 April 1734.

MARY FARRER, daughter of John Farrer of Hill Walley, baptised 15 Nov. 1688, and died in 1795.

PETER STANSFELD, bapt. 23 Feb. 1714-5, and buried 16 Jan. 1733-4.

TITUS STANSFELD, bapt. 27 June, 1716, and buried 8 Aug. 1742.

DAVID STANSFELD, of Hope Hall, which he inherited Jan. 1719-20, married in 1748, and died in 1749.

ELI STANSFELD, baptised in 1749, and died 18 April 1750.

TIMOTHY STANSFELD, bapt. 4 April 1751, and died 3 May 1751.

MARY STANSFELD, died 11 Feb. 1753.

DAVID STANSFELD, of Leeds, baptised 13 February 1755, married 11 November 1776, and died in November 1818. Will dated 23 Sep. 1800. Leaves all to his wife.

SARAH, only child and heiress of Thomas Wolrich, of Armsley House near Leeds, by his wife, Peggy, daughter of Samuel Hamer, of Hamer, co. Lanc., by Mary, sister of Sir Henry Ebbeson of Leeds, bart., born 23 Feb. 1757, and died in 1824.

THOMAS WOLRICH STANSFELD, of Bowley Wood, co. York, born 11 March 1779, married 3 Oct. 1820, and died 4 Mar. 1853. Lieutenant of the local militia in 1808.

ANNE, eldest daughter of Richard Miclithwaite of Leeds, co. York. Born 20 Feb. 1784, married at Guseley, 5 Feb. 1814, Rev. Wm. Currier, M.A., vicar of Clapham-in-the-Isles, York. She died 12 April, 1862.

GEORGE STANSFELD, of New Laithes Grange, co. York. Born 20 Feb. 1784, married at Guseley, 5 Feb. 1814, and died 6 Mar. 1834, and was buried at Guseley.

ANNA, daughter of Richard Miclithwaite of Ardsley and Laithes Grange, co. York. She was born 31 Jan. 1815, and died 12 June 1836.

WILLIAM STANSFELD, of Manor House, Flockton, co. York, born 8 June 1785, married 31 Jan. 1815, and died 12 June 1836.

MARGARET, daughter and co-heiress of James Milnes, Esq., of the Manor House, Flockton, co. York.

An infant, baptised 19 Oct. 1786. DAVID STANSFELD, born 9 Sep. 1786, his assize first married in 1810. JOSEPH STANSFELD, to the Leeds House, died 12 Jan. 1800. HENRY STANSFELD, married 4 Nov. 1800, unmarried 23 Nov. 1801.

THOMAS WOLRICH STANSFELD, Colonel (retired list) Indian Army, born 21 Dec. 1806, married 21 Mar. 1846.

ELIZABETH JANE, daughter of William Broadbent, Surgeon, Major in the Army.

JOHAN LOGAN STANSFELD, born 12 June 1831, married in 1865. ELIZABETH BOWLER, in 1864 to JOHN MAURICE COLLARD.

1. ANNE STANSFELD, born in 1824.  
 2. SARAH STANSFELD, born in 1825, married 4 Dec. 1841.  
 3. PENLOPE MARY STANSFELD, bapt. 17 Sept. 1846, unmarried.  
 4. ELLEN STANSFELD, born in 1825, married 4 Dec. 1841.  
 5. MATILDA STANSFELD, bapt. 24 May 1853, and died in infancy.  
 6. HENRY STANSFELD, born in 1826, and died in infancy.  
 7. MATILDA, born in 1833.  
 8. SOPHIA, born in 1835.

GEORGE MICKLETHWAITE STANSFELD, of Rellands Brimsall, born 4 July 1815, married 1 June 1845, Harriet, dau. of Wm. Wood of Bradford, & his wife Harriet, dau. of Ralph Hew Dolsbor of Leeds.

DAVID STANSFELD, of Ilkley, born 8 May 1820, married 3 July 1825, FARRER DAMARIS HESLOP, dau. of Ralph Hew Dolsbor of Ripon.

RICHARD MICKLETHWAITE STANSFELD, of the Poplars, Halifax, born 1 June 1825, married 21 Oct. 1850, MARY JANE, daughter of Richard Raywood of Barnsley.

ELIZABETH STANSFELD, born 12 Feb. 1819, died 21 Jan. 1818. SARAH ELLEN STANSFELD, died 5 Oct. 1857, aged 35, unmarried, buried at Guseley.

ANNE STANSFELD, died 18 Apr. 1837, aged 15, buried at Guseley. MARY STANSFELD, married to WILLIAM HENRY COOPER of Shrewsbury, and has issue.

ELIZABETH POLLARD STANSFELD, born 20 Jan. 1825, died 6 July 1827. JANE POLLARD STANSFELD, died 26 Mar. 1836, aged 6.

JAMES STANSFELD, of Graythwaite, Halifax, Lanc., J.P. West Riding, co. York, born 21 Feb. 1816, married 21 Oct. 1862, ELIZABETH HAY, dau. of Col. J. Wm. Bothwick & his wife Maria Ann Maxwell.

WILLIAM STANSFELD, born 1822, died 1825. HENRY STANSFELD, born 1825, died 1825. JAMES STANSFELD, born 1825, died 1825. JAMES STANSFELD, born 1825, died 1825.

THOMAS WOLRICH STANSFELD, born 20 May 1854.

ANNE MATILDA STANSFELD, born 20 May 1854.

ELLEN LOGIA STANSFELD, born 20 May 1854.

ELIZABETH RAYMOND STANSFELD, born 20 May 1854.

JOHAN LOGAN STANSFELD, born 20 May 1854.

MARY ANNABELLA STANSFELD, born 1846 and died in 1853.

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AGNES STANSFELD, born 1846 and died in 1853.

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JOHAN LOGAN STANSFELD, born 1846 and died in 1853.

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Issue, twelve children.											
An infant, born 19 Dec. 1785, died 19 Dec. 1785.	EMMA, daughter of the Rev. Jos. Ralph of Halifax, N. S. W., died 1851.	HAMER STANFELD, Headling, York Lodge, York, born 10 Feb. 1797, married in 1845 and died 1865.	ELLEN, dau. of Matthew Town- send Esq. of Riversfield, Hants, married in 1845 and died 1851.	ELIZABETH, first wife, dau. of Woodhouse, Cornwall of Warwick. She died 2 Feb. 1851.	HATTON HAMER STANFELD, of St. Anne's Hill, Surrey, official assignee in the Court of Bankruptcy London, born 20 Sep. 1793, married 1 Sept. 1821.	MARY JANE, second wife, daughter of Thomas Sherwood, of Shearwater, co. Surrey, married 6 October 1852.	PEGGY STANFELD, born 28 Oct. 1777, married 16 Nov. 1786, Jan. Bischoff of London, and Appleton Yorks. He died 8 Feb. 1845, having had, with other issue, a daughter, SARAH, who was married to EDW. TOWNGOOD, of Pains Hill, co. Hants, and had, with other issue	ELIZABETH STANFELD, born 16 Nov. 1786, died in 1861.	MARY STANFELD, born 5 April, 1782, died in 1851.	SARAH STANFELD, born 5 July 1797. All died unmarried.	

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Watson copied the following, from amongst the Horton papers at Chaderton :—

We whose names are subscribed, do promise to pay unto Elkanah Horton esq. the several sums subscribed with our names, upon his advancing £100, in order to receive the King's Bounty Money of £200, the income of the whole, to be settl'd upon the Minister of Sowerby Chapel for ever.

16th January 1718. JAMES STANSFELD, £10. Thos. Sunderland, £10. GEORGE STANSFELD, £10. Joshua Tillotson, £5. John Holroyde, £10. Jonathan Naylor, after his mark, £5. Thos. Jackson, £10. Joseph Riley, £5. John Walker, after his mark, £5. JOHN STANSFELD, £5. Sam. Platts, £5. Israel Wilde, £5. SAM. & ROBT. STANSFELD, [each ?] £5. Joseph Priestley, £5.

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## II.—ELI STANSFELD OF SOWERBY.

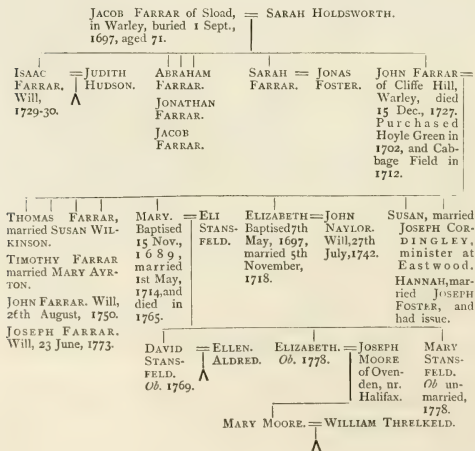
ELI STANSFELD, son and heir of John, was baptised 15th July 1683. He married, 1st May, 1714, MARY, daughter of John Farrer of Cliff Hill, Warley. The arms of the Farrers are : Argent, on a bend engrailed, sable, three horse shoes of the field ; and are thus painted, on the roof of Halifax parish church. They had issue : Peter, baptised 23rd February 1714-5, buried 16th January 1733-4 ; Titus, baptised 27th June 1716, and buried 8th August 1742 ; Elizabeth, baptised 26th January 1717-8, married, 8th October 1740, Joseph Moore of Ovenden, and died 16th June 1778, aged 60 ; David, of whom hereafter ; Ely, baptised 9th May 1722, and buried 28th February 1742-3 ; and Mary, baptised 21st March, 1724, and died unmarried, 10th March 1778. The *Northowram Register* thus records the deaths of Eli Stansfeld, and one of his sons :—

1734. Mr. Ely Stansfield of Sowerby, was at Rochdale on Monday, got home very ill on Tuesday about Noon, made his will on Wednesday Night, and died about 6 o'Clock next morning, viz. April 11th.
1734. Peter s. Mr. Eli Stansfield of Sowerby, bur. Jan. 16. had bin some time with Dr. Nettleton being designed for a Physician.

There is a long account of this Dr. Nettleton, in Watson's *History of Halifax*, pp. 496-8, and the same work, on page 514, gives the following :—

ELY STANSFIELD of Sowerby, published a book called "Psalmody epitomised ; being a brief collection of plain and useful Psalm tunes, both old and new, in four parts, with a plain and familiar introduction, by way of question and answer." A second edition of this was printed in London in 1731. These tunes are most of them the old Church tenors, in use above an hundred years ago. The contra, medius and bassus, the Author has added. He has likewise intermixed several tunes, wholly of his own composition. The introduction seems to be a good one. Amongst several local tunes, he has given us Warley new tune, to Psalm c ; and Sowerby tune, to Psalm xcvi.

The family into which Eli Stansfeld married, would be, no doubt, a branch of the Farrers of Ewood, Midgley. The following short pedigree will be sufficient, to explain the relationships, which are mentioned in quoted deeds.









Mary Moore, the grand-daughter of Eli Stansfeld, was born in 1742, married 4th May 1773, to William Threlkeld of Halifax, merchant, and died 15th February 1820. They had issue: Elizabeth and Nelly, twins, born 13th February, and baptised 11th March 1774; and Mary, born 13th February, and baptised 14th March 1780. William Threlkeld was the elder son of the Rev. Samuel Threlkeld, dissenting minister, of Northgate End chapel, Halifax, who had two sons and two daughters. The younger son, Thomas Threlkeld, born 12th April 1739, was over 40 years a minister, 28 of them at Rochdale, where he died, 6th April 1806. The elder daughter, Ann, married 28th September 1761, John Ferguson of Halifax; and the younger daughter, Elizabeth, married 7th March, 1791, William Rawson of Mill House, near Halifax, who was partner, along with his brother-in-law, under the style of Threlkeld, Rawson & Co. It was this latter lady, who had the care and education of Wordsworth's only sister, Dorothy, for many years, being cousin to their mother. To this connection with Halifax, we owe the poem of "Lucy Gray," which, in Wordsworth's own words:—

Was founded on a circumstance told me by my sister, of a little girl, who, not far from Halifax in Yorkshire, was bewildered in a snow storm. Her footsteps were tracked by her parents, to the middle of the lock of a canal, and no other vestige of her, backward or forward, could be traced. The body however was found in the canal. [See *Memoir of Wordsworth* by his nephew, the late bishop of Lincoln.]

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### III.—DAVID STANSFELD OF HOPE HALL.

DAVID STANSFELD, son and heir of Ely Stansfeld of Sowerby, was baptised 28th January, 1719-20, and died 10th August, 1769. He married, at Beeston Chapel, in 1748, ELLEN, daughter and eventually heiress of the Rev. Timothy Aldred, minister at Morley, who died 20th February, 1755, aged 33. They had issue: Eli, baptised in 1749, died 18th April, 1750; Timothy, baptised by Mr. Aldred, his grandfather, 4th April, 1751, and died 3rd May, 1751; Mary died 11th February, 1753; and David and Nelly of whom hereafter.

There is a short account of the Aldred family, in *Scratcherd's History of Morley*, pp. 109-110. The Rev. Timothy Aldred made his will, 5th July, 1753, being then of Churwell, co. York, in which is the following clause :—

And whereas, upon the marriage of my daughter, with Mr. DAVID STANSFELD, of Halifax, in the said county, I promised to give the said David Stansfield, two hundred pounds at my death, as an addition to my daughter's fortune ; now, to make good that promise, I do hereby charge all my real estate, as well freehold as copyhold, if my personal estate falls short, with the payment of the said sum of two hundred pounds, to the said David Stansfield.

A draft, dated 1774, of the will of his widow, Mary Aldred, who died 21st August, 1778, aged 92, gives some interesting information, relating to her relatives :—

She bequeathed £600 to her grandson, DAVID STANSFELD, and to his sister ELLEN and her heirs, all her messuages, lands &c. in the townships of Idle, Morley and Holmfirth, and also all the residue of her personal estate, in full of the legacy of £3,000 given or intended for her benefit, by the will of DAVID STANSFELD, her late father, deceased.

If she die under age, and without issue, reversion to her brother David ; and then the bequest to him, to go to her relations, George Moorhouse, Sarah Cooke and William Buck, and all the premises to be charged as follows : To her relative Ellen Summers, £100 ; to James Oldroyd's [Aldred's] widow, £5 per annum for life ; £50 each to her relations, Mary Ormerod and James Oldroyd [Aldred] and Hannah Ward, and £30 each to Benjamin Cromack, James Cromack and Ellen Carlisle. Executors, William Buck and James Cooke of Halifax, merchants.

The name of David Stansfeld, occurs in several contemporary deeds. He purchased the Hunger Hill estate in Halifax, and built thereon, Hope House, now called Hope Hall, an etching of which appears in this work. He also became possessed of the Lower Shaw hill and other property, as will be seen by the following abstracts of deeds :—

27th July 1742. Will of JOHN NAYLOR of Great Longbotham, Warley, yeoman, charging on personalty, and on his capital messuage and tenement called Great Longbotham, fulling mills and several closes of land, the payment of his debts, and to raise £200.

Devises a messuage called Great Longbotham, two fulling mills, and a cottage or mansion house, nigh the said mills, with several closes, in the townships of Warley and Sowerby, to his wife ELIZABETH, for her life. Then to his nephew, DAVID STANSFELD of Sowerby, and his heirs, he paying £100 to Anthony Naylor of London, supposed son of James Naylor of Monserratt, in the West Indies.

A messuage and tenement called Upper Longbottom, with the several closes &c. in Warley, in occupation of John Sutcliffe, to his wife for life, and then to his niece Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Moore of Ovenden, for her life, and then to her heirs.

A messuage or tenement called High Old Field, in Warley, in occupation of David Farrer, and an annuity of 2s. a year, issuing out of a parcel of ground in Warley, 106 yards by 6 yards, taken from a close called Fearn Royd, formerly the estate of one Jonathan Tattersall, to his wife for life, and then to his nephew, DAVID STANSFELD, he paying to his sister, MARY STANSFELD, £300. He bequeathed to his brother, Isaac Naylor of Halifax, £10 10s.; and the residue to his wife, and DAVID STANSFELD, they paying his debts &c.

1st September, 1768. Will of ELIZABETH NAYLOR, of Longbottom in Warley. Her body to be buried at Warley Meeting-house. All the residue of her worldly estate, after payment of debts, to her niece, Elizabeth Moore, on condition of payment of following legacies. To her brother-in-law, Joseph Foster, £10, and to his son Stephen Foster, £10. To Mary Moor, daughter of her niece Elizabeth Moor, £200, if she has issue, and until then, the sum to be lodged in the hands of Mr. DAVID STANSFELD, merchant, he allowing her a reasonable interest. Failing issue, the said sum of £200, to be equally divided, amongst such of the children of her nieces, Hannah Scholefield, Sarah Farrar, and Mary Travice, as shall be living, on the death of Mary Moor. To Mary Moor, a silver tankard, if she have issue, otherwise to NELLY, the daughter of DAVID STANSFELD. To Hannah Scholefield, Mary Travice, and Sarah Farrar wife of George Farrar, daughters of her sister Sarah [Susan?] Cordingley, each of them, £10. To Sarah Farrar, daughter of her nephew, Isaac Farrar, £5. To her niece Mary, wife of James Scholefield, £5. To Elizabeth Farrar, of Leeds, daughter of Timothy Farrar, £20. Other legacies to William Law, her servant; Sarah, wife of Thomas Chambers; Elizabeth, wife of Eli Alderson; Elizabeth Foster, if she continue with her to her death; Mary, daughter of Richard Simpson of Warley Town; and Nelly Teal. Signed in the presence of Eli Alderson and Richard Simpson.

Abstract of title to Saddle (late Packhorse) Inn, Petticoat Lane, Halifax.

26th September 1759. Joseph Allison of Halifax, staymaker, mortgages to DAVID STANSFELD of Halifax, merchant, for £40, a messuage or tenement, in a street called Petticoat lane, in the occupation of John Simpson; and again, 26th September 1760, for £20 more.

9th and 10th February 1763. Conveyance in absolute sale, for £100, to DAVID STANSFELD, free from dower of Mary, wife of Joseph Allison.

11th and 12th January 1780. DAVID STANSFELD of Leeds, only son and heir of DAVID STANSFELD of Halifax, conveys to John Crabtree of Halifax, stuff manufacturer. The property was put up by public auction, 10th January 1778, and was bought for £107, by John Sutcliffe of Holdsworth, stuff manufacturer, for John Crabtree.

Petticoat lane, like many other old streets in Halifax, exists no longer, under the same name. Englishmen regard as childish, the feeling which prompts the French, to alter their street names, at every revolution. But what shall be said of a new-fledged corporation, whose ignorance could only be surpassed, by that of an urban school board, regarding Petticoat lane as an indecorous name, and substituting for it, in honour of lord John Russell, that of Russell Street. It reminds one of the dress, often assigned to that statesman, in the cartoons of the so-called comic papers of the day. Not content with this exhibition of their ignorance of the fact, that *Petticoat* signifies *petty* (French *petit*, Welsh *pitw*), little, *cote*, pure Anglo-Saxon (Welsh *cwt*) house, cottage; they made several other alterations, such as Navigation road, for Cut lane.

Deeds relating to Shaw Hill estate:—

1762. May 10th and 11th. Lease and release. Jere: Rawson and Frances his wife, convey to DAVID STANSFELD of Halifax, merchant, Shawhill, otherwise Lower Shawhill, four cottages near thereto, four closes called the Ing, the Little Croft, the Tenter close and the Spring Hall close (11 days work). Trinity Term, 2nd George III. [1762]. Fine accordingly.

1778. May 25th and 26th. Lease and release. DAVID STANSFELD of Leeds, merchant (the son), and SARAH his wife, for £1,225, sell and convey above premises, to Abraham Chamberlain of Halifax, merchant. Fine levied accordingly.

1774. February 11th. Joanna Nettleton, late of Halifax, spinster, deceased, 29th November 1766, had surrendered by Robert Parker, two tenements in the Bank in Northowram, in the possession of MR. DAVID STANSFELD.

Will of David Stansfeld, dated 28th June 1768, proved 21st July 1770.

I, DAVID STANSFELD of Halifax, in the county of York, do constitute and appoint this, to be my last will and testament. I give to my sister, Elizabeth Moor, for and during the term of her natural life, all that new built cottage house, situated in the south wing of Hungerhill Building alias Hopehouse, containing 7 rooms and other closets, with free egress and regress thereto. And from and after her decease, I will the aforesaid house, to my sister, MARY STANSFELD, for and during the term of her natural life. And after her decease, I will the said house to my son, DAVID STANSFELD, his heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and will to my daughter, NELLY STANSFELD, the sum of £3,000, to be paid her, when she attains the age of twenty-one years. And I further will to my said daughter, NELLY, one annuity or rent charge, upon my estate at Lilly Bridge, which is now occupied by James Chadwick and Benj<sup>a</sup> Haigh, or their undertenants, of the yearly sum of £30, to be paid her half-yearly, the first payment to be made her, on the first day of June, after she has attained the age of twenty-one years. And I will that this annuity be continued and paid to her, for her own sole and separate use, for and during the term of her natural life, without being subject to the control of any person whatsoever, and I will that her receipt alone, whether sole or under coverture, shall be a sufficient discharge, to my executors or heir.

All the rest, residue and remainder of my real estates in Warley, Halifax, Skircoate, Haworth, and all my other leasehold estates in Halifax, and all my personal estate, after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, I will to my son, DAVID STANSFELD, his heirs and assigns for ever. And I hereby constitute and appoint my cousin, GEORGE STANSFELD of Field house in Sowerby, merchant, and Joseph Hulme of Halifax, doctor of physic, and my son, DAVID STANSFELD, executors of this my last

13th February 1784. Surrender for £400, to Samuel Milne of Cliffhill in Warley, merchant, by DAVID STANSFELD of Leeds, merchant, only son and heir of DAVID STANSFELD, late of Halifax, merchant, who was a nephew of John Naylor, formerly of Great Longbottom in Warley, yeoman, and devisee in fee, under his will. All those two fulling mills called Longbothom mills, and a dwelling house called the Milnehouse, upon the river Calder, in township of Warley, heretofore in occupation of GEORGE STANSFELD, but now of Adam Drake, with all mill dams, with races, stream and streams of water; and the close adjoining on the west, called Upper Holme, or Upper Mill Holme.

It appears that the premises had been surrendered to use of Grace Ogden of Wadsworth Banks, widow, to secure £100, a legacy in said John Naylor's will.

David Stansfeld, by his marriage with Sarah, the only daughter and heiress of Thomas Wolrich of Armley House, became connected with a family, that traced its descent to the Saxon kings. For a statement of this descent, see the following chapter. They had issue, fourteen children; and Nelly, the only sister of David Stansfeld, and husband of John Rawson of Stoney Royd, had twelve; so that David Stansfeld, the builder of Hope Hall, although he had only two children, that survived to years of maturity, yet is credited in the pedigree, with twenty-six grandchildren, and above a hundred great-grandchildren.

The following is an abstract of a deed, relating to the manor of Armley, &c.

16th September 1800. This indenture made the sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred, between THOMAS WOLRICH STANSFELD, late of Leeds, in the county of York, gentleman, but at present residing at Frank fort on the Mayne, in Germany, grandson and devisee, named in the last will and testament of Thomas Wolrich, late of Armley, in the parish of Leeds, in the said county of York, esquire, deceased, on the one part; and DAVID STANSFELD of Leeds, aforesaid, merchant, father of the said Thomas Wolrich Stansfeld, on the other part.

Whereas the said Thomas Wolrich, by his last will and testament in writing, duly executed and attested, bearing date the eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, gave

and devised to his son-in-law, the said DAVID STANSFELD, and his assigns, his (the said testator's) manor of Armley, and his mansion-house there, called Armley House, and all other his messuages, cottages, farms, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and real estate, situate in Armley aforesaid, and in Bramley, in the said parish of Leeds, with their and every of their rights, members, and appurtenances. To hold to the said David Stansfeld and his assigns, during his natural life, and after the decease of the said David Stansfeld, to testator's daughter, SARAH, the wife of the said DAVID STANSFELD and her assigns, for her life, and after her decease, to his grandson, the said THOMAS WOLRICH STANSFELD, his heirs and assigns for ever.

Now this indenture witnesseth, that for, and in consideration of the natural love and affection, which the said Thomas Wolrich Stansfeld hath and beareth, towards the said David Stansfeld, his father, and in consideration of the sum of five shillings, the said Thomas Wolrich Stansfeld hath granted, bargained, and sold &c. the remainder, next after the several deceases of the said David Stansfeld, and Sarah his wife.

Signed, sealed &c. in the presence of Edward Wainhouse of Halifax, in England, merchant, John Priestley junr. and Thomas Grove Edwards of the same place.

The issue of David and Sarah Stansfeld, will be treated of separately; excepting those who died unmarried, or without issue. They were 1 Peggy; 2 Thomas Wolrich; 3 Eleanor, born 16th November 1780, died unmarried 1861; 4 Mary, born 5th April 1782, died unmarried 1851; 5 George; 6 William; 7 an infant born 17th, died 19th October 1786; 8 David, born 9th September 1788, lost at sea, on his passage from South America, in September 1810; 9 Josias, born 20th November 1790, surgeon to the Leeds infirmary, died unmarried, 12th January 1819; 10 James; 11 Hatton Hamer; 12 Henry, born 4th November 1795, died 22nd September 1829; 13 Hamer; and 14 Sarah, born 5th July 1797, died unmarried.

Peggy, the eldest daughter, was born 28th October 1777, married 25th January 1802, James Bischoff of Highbury Terrace, London, second son of George Bischoff of Leeds, who died 8th February 1845. She died in 1857. Their issue was:—

1. Sarah, born 1st April 1803, married 14th January 1830, Edward Towgood of St. Neots, and had issue :—

Marian, born 2nd December 1830, married in 1851, her half-cousin, Thomas Wolryche Stansfeld J.P. of Weetwood Grove, Leeds; Edward, born 17th August 1832; Eleanor, born 25th October 1833; Frank, died in 1857; Arthur, born 23rd November 1834, and died 29th September 1837; Margaret, born 9th May 1838; Harriott; Isabella, died in 1852; Hamer, Clara, James and Laura Towgood.

2. Magdalene, born 11th May 1804, died in 1843.

3. Ellen, born 29th June 1805, married the Rev. J. Madge, and had Harriett Ellen Madge, born in 1845.

4. James, born 3rd Nov. 1806, and died 23rd Feb. 1807.

5. Elizabeth Anne, born 2nd February 1808.

6. James, born 29th February 1809, married Elizabeth Laughe of Hamburg.

7. An infant daughter, born 3rd and died 7th Sept. 1810.

8. George, born 18th November 1812.

9. Margaret, born 13th July, 1814, married T. G. Meissner, of Hamburg, and died in 1834, leaving issue: Margaret Elizabeth, James, Matilda Freshnia, Theodore died in 1844, August Gottlieb, Margaret died 1848, Ellen Theresa and Margaret Meissner.

10. Mary, born 1816, and died in 1818.

11. David Josias Bischoff, born in 1819, and died in 1861.

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#### I.—THOMAS WOLRICH STANSFELD OF BURLEY WOOD.

THOMAS WOLRICH STANSFELD, eldest son and heir of David and Sarah (*née* Wolrich) Stansfeld, was born 11th March, 1779, married 4th October, 1820, and died 24th May, 1853. His wife was ANNE, eldest daughter of Rawdon Briggs of Halifax, J.P., D.L., by Ann, daughter of the Rev. William Currer, M.A., vicar of Clapham. Her brother, Rawdon Briggs, J.P., was elected M.P. for the borough of Halifax, at the first election in 1832.



The arms of Briggs are : Argent, a bend vair, between three escutcheons, sable, each charged with a pheon of the field, a bordure engrailed, gules, bezantée. She died 12th April, 1862.

They had issue : Thomas Wolrich, of whom next ; Josias Logan, born 12th June, 1831, married in 1865, Elizabeth Fowler, and died 7th April, 1867 ; Henry, born in 1832, and died in infancy ; Anne, born in 1821 ; Sarah, born in 1822, married in 1864, John Marshall Collard ; Penelope Mary, born in 1824, and died unmarried 17th September, 1846 ; Ellen, born in 1825, and died 4th December, 1841 ; Matilda, born in 1829, and died in infancy ; Charlotte, born in 1827, married George Western Gipps ; Matilda, born in 1833 ; and Sophia, born in 1835.

Thomas Wolrich Stansfeld has already been named, in the will of his father, and in the deed breaking the entail of the Wolrich estates. He was Lieut.-Col. of the Leeds local militia in 1808.

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## II.—THOMAS WOLRICH STANSFELD.

THOMAS WOLRICH STANSFELD, son and heir of Thomas Wolrich Stansfeld, was born 24th December 1829, married 21st March 1853, ELIZABETH JANE, daughter of William Beauchamp, surgeon major in the army. They have issue : Thomas Wolrich Logan, son and heir, born 29th May 1854 ; William Beauchamp, born at Clifton in 1862 ; James Rawdon, born 1866 ; Charles Hatton, born 1871 and died 1873 ; Annie Matilda ; Ellen Louisa ; Elizabeth Rawdon, born in 1860 and buried at Moulmein in 1861 ; and Ina Elizabeth Stansfeld.

Thomas Wolrich Stansfeld is a colonel on the retired list of the Indian army, and resides at Dinon in Brittany.

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## 2.—GEORGE STANSFELD OF NEW LAITHES.

GEORGE STANSFELD, second son of David and Sarah Stansfeld, was born 20th February 1784, married at Guiseley, 5th February 1814, and died 6th March 1834. His wife was ANNA,

born 2nd March 1794, daughter of Richard Micklethwait of Ardsley and New Laithes Grange, who bore : Chequy, argent and gules, a chief indented azure. They had the following issue :—

1. George Micklethwait Stansfeld of Redlands, Bristol, born 4th July 1815, married 1st July 1845, Harriett, daughter of William Wood of Bradford, and Harriett his wife, daughter of Lepton Dobson of Leeds, and has issue : Mary Annabella, born in 1846, and died in 1853 ; Harriett ; Catherine Lydia, born and died in 1848 ; and Alice Stansfeld.

2. David Stansfeld of Ilkley, born 8th May 1820, married 3rd July, 1855, Isabel Damaris, daughter of Ralph Heslop of Ripon, and has issue, Emily Margaret and Jessie Sarah Stansfeld.

3. Richard Micklethwait Stansfeld of the Poplars, Halifax, born 1st June 1823, married 24th October 1850, Mary Jane, daughter of Richard Raywood of Barnsley, and has issue : Raywood Micklethwait, solicitor, born 29th October 1851 ; George, born 7th June 1853 ; Agnes, Edith Mary, and Gertrude Maria Stansfeld.

4 to 9. Elizabeth, born 12th February 1817, died 21st January 1818 ; Sarah Ellen, born in 1818, and died unmarried, 5th October 1857, aged 39 (38 ?) ; Annabella, born in 1822, and died 18th April 1837, aged 15 ; Mary, married William Henry Cooper of Shrewsbury, and has issue ; Elizabeth Pollard, born 26th January 1825, died 6th July 1827 ; and Jane Pollard Stansfeld, died 26th March 1836, aged 6.

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### 3. WILLIAM STANSFELD OF FLOCKTON.

WILLIAM STANSFELD of Flockton Manor House, third son of David and Sarah Stansfeld, was born 8th June 1785, married 31st January 1815, and died 12th June 1836. His wife was MARGARET, daughter and co-heiress of James Milnes of the Manor House, Flockton. They had issue :—

1. James Milnes Stansfeld of Graythwaite Hall, co. Lancaster, J.P. for the West riding of Yorkshire, born 21st





Yours truly  
James Stansfeld

February 1816, married 21st October 1862, Elizabeth Hay, daughter of Colonel William Borthwick, and his wife, Maria Ann Maxwell, and has issue, Aldith Mary Anne, and Maud Maria Margaret Stansfeld.

2. William Logan Stansfeld, born 1822, and died in 1825.

3. Henry William Stansfeld of Flockton Manor House, J.P. for the West riding of Yorkshire, born in 1828, married in 1858, Annie Walker, daughter of Captain George McKay Sutherland of Aberarder, N.B., by his wife, Elizabeth Walker of Crow Nest, Halifax. They have issue: Logan Sutherland, born at Rome, March 1859; Harold Sinclair and Francis William Stansfeld, twins, born 4th September 1862.

4. Laura Ellen, married William Lipscombe J.P.

5. Adelaide Marianne, married 1st, Colonel Towgood, who died in 1858, and secondly, the Rev. Edward Macfarlane.

6. Emily Margaret, married Robert Barrow, and has issue, Margaret Ellen Barrow, and Robert Stansfeld Barrow, born 28th August 1865.

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#### 6.—JAMES STANSFELD OF MOORLANDS.

JAMES STANSFELD of Moorlands, Halifax, sixth son and tenth child of David and Sarah Stansfeld, was born 22nd April 1792, married 1817, and died 29th January 1872. His wife was EMMA, daughter of the Rev. John Ralph, who accepted the ministry of Northgate end chapel, 29th July 1767. Mr. Ralph had previously been at Stamford, about nine years, and died in 1795. His widow, Dorothy, died 27th August, and was buried, 3rd September, 1824, aged 70.

They had issue: Emma, born 3rd October 1818, baptised 4th March 1819; James, of whom next; Sarah Wolrich, born 27th March, and baptised 17th June 1821, married 8th April 1847, William Arthur Case of London, and has issue Edith Bessie, born 1849, died 1852, Emma Mabel, Catharine Jessie, Esther Maria, Emma Sophia, and Janet Elizabeth Case; Maria, born 4th October 1823, baptised 13th August 1824, married the

Rev. Francis E. Millson, B.A., minister of Northgate end chapel, Halifax; Elizabeth Sudworth, born 3rd September 1825, baptised 15th January 1826, died unmarried in 1847; Ellen, born 9th November 1827, baptised 25th January 1828, married, 8th August 1865, the Rev. James Nixon Porter; Sophia, born 13th May 1830, baptised 12th January 1834, married the Rev. P. Bakewell; Mary, born 8th December 1832, baptised 12th January 1834, married in 1855, George Dixon J.P., late M.P. for Birmingham, son of Abraham Dixon of Whitehaven and Lætitia his wife, daughter of John Taylor of Gomersal, near Leeds, and has issue Arthur Stansfeld, born in 1856, and Ellen Margaret Dixon, born in Australia.

In the *Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Journal* vol. II. pp. 450-4, is an obituary notice, from which much of the following is extracted. Judge Stansfeld, under which name he is most generally remembered, took a very great interest in the formation of Mechanics' Institutes; and in the news-room of that at Halifax, his portrait, painted by Henry T. Wells, R.A., testifies the appreciation of his services, by a large circle of subscribers thereto. A somewhat kindred institution, the Yorkshire Penny Bank, founded by another Halifax man, who was associated for a lengthened period, with the judge's son, as colleague in the representation of Halifax in parliament, viz. Colonel Edward Akroyd, J.P., F.S.A., also owes considerably to his care and energy. He was also intimately connected with other public institutions, in the town of his residence, though not of his birth; and the erection of the "Judge Stansfeld Memorial Rooms" at Northgate end chapel, indicates the regard, in which he was held by his co-religionists, who worshipped there.

But it is as judge of the County Court, of the Halifax district, that James Stansfeld will be remembered most in the future, as he is in the present. Occupying that position from the very first, and a somewhat similar one, under a special act of parliament, before the County Court Act was passed, he only resigned it, a few months before his death. The attorneys within the circuit, took that opportunity of presenting a piece of plate and an address, but the illness of the judge, delayed the

formal presentation ; and his subsequent death, necessitated their being received by his son. But the late judge had pencilled a few notes of an acknowledgment, on his death-bed ; which, as they indicate the remarkable position which he held, and also are not without biographical interest, are copied as they occur in the Journal above alluded to.

“ I receive this rare and distinguished testimonial from my fellow solicitors, with pride and gratitude, and feel its value enhanced to me, by its being presented by three highly-valued friends, one of whom and myself are, if I mistake not, two of the oldest attorneys of the West Riding ; and to each and all who in person, or through you, have joined in conferring upon me this honour, I beg to offer my most grateful acknowledgments. I have used the epithet ‘rare,’ but I might, I believe, have called it unique ; for I do not think any member of our branch of the profession ever received, or could have received, from his fellow-solicitors, a memorial of so peculiar and gratifying a significance as this.

“ I was selected to preside over the Halifax and Huddersfield Court of Requests, under its extended jurisdiction, as a solicitor of so many years’ standing (I forget how many), and I felt a pride in maintaining the *status*, to which our branch of the profession was, in my person, advanced. Other solicitors there were, who were appointed under similar local acts ; but they preferred being raised to the bar, for reasons which, in their own cases, justified that course. My name, however, has remained, since the year 1815 to this day, on the Rolls of the Courts of Equity and Common Law. I will only say that, as regards neither branch of the profession, did I, in any one instance, ever fail to receive from every member of it practising before me, the respect and courtesy due to the position I held ; and that to the advocates, in both branches of the profession, I have always felt, that I was greatly indebted for the assistance they afforded me, in carrying out the proceedings of the Court.

“ The Legislature having, however, left the appointment open to both branches of the profession, let us for a moment consider the qualifications of each branch. On the one hand, there would be a more thorough knowledge of the law, as far as study and the attendance on some one of the Law Courts could give it ; on the other hand, there would be a wide field for selection amongst men, who had for a number of years, been practising in all the different Courts of Law, Equity, and Bankruptcy, and mixed up in

all the ordinary business transactions of life. Might it not be fairly presumed, that the Legislature, in giving the option to select from either branch, considered there were circumstances in which a selection might be made from each? Or, was the option in regard to one branch to be a dead letter?

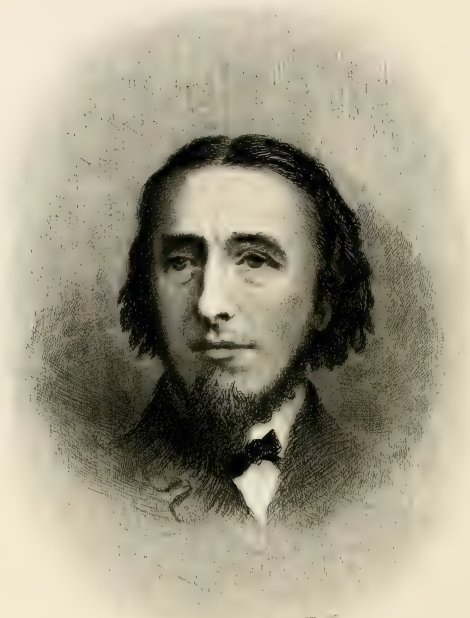
"I would now wish to say a few words, in justification of the selection of myself, as one of the few, who were favoured with being taken from our branch of the profession.

"I was one of nine sons, whom my father had to educate and bring up. In those disastrous times, he could not afford to give any of us, an university education, nor would it practically have availed much, for we were Dissenters, and I remember being told when a boy, that there was no chance of my being Lord Chancellor, for the Test and Corporation Acts then were in operation, and the smallest appointment under the Crown, could not be had by any one, who refused to take the Sacrament, according to the forms of the Church of England. All that my father could do, therefore, was to give us a good school education, and there I acquired, what was of more value to me, in after-life than, perhaps, anything which a college life could have conferred upon me, for I learned the value of a diligent application, to the work I had before me, and to that I attribute, as much as anything, such success as I attained.

"My father was a Halifax man, though he served his apprenticeship with a Leeds merchant, and there married and settled in life. It was thought, therefore, that one of his sons might suitably follow the profession of the law at Halifax, and might derive some advantage from his father's connection with the town, and all his own relatives residing there. I was accordingly articled to a firm there (Wigglesworth and Thompson) having the largest general practice there, embracing Common Law, Equity, Criminal Law, Sessional Practice, and Bankruptcy. I served my clerkship out with them, concluding in the year 1813, and I worked hard during that time, as you may imagine, when I say, that, in winter, I lighted my own fire, every morning at six o'clock, and that, in summer, I went every morning, before breakfast, to bathe in the river at Copley. For the next two years, I took the rather unusual step, of attending the chambers of a special pleader and conveyancer, as a pupil. This I always considered, to be a very valuable portion of my legal education, as it gave me, to some extent, the advantage more generally enjoyed by the other branch of the profession.







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"In 1815, I returned, and joined the firm to which I had been articled, as junior partner, and ultimately assumed the chief management of it. Meantime, the Law in Bankruptcy had been altered, and was worked by fixed Commissioners, in each of the large towns, two being barristers and one a solicitor. I was selected by the late Lord Wensleydale, the then senior judge on the circuit, for Halifax. Then came the local Act, for extending the jurisdiction of the Court of Requests, at Halifax and Huddersfield. To the appointment of judge of it, I was, as before-mentioned, eligible. I was a competitor for it, along with the late Mr. Maude; but he had the superior claim, I admit, and succeeded; when, on his retiring from ill-health, in 1841, I was appointed in his place, and then, in 1847, on the passing of the County Court Act, I took the corresponding Courts, which I had had under the local Act.

"I am afraid I have been tedious in this matter; but I thought it right to deliver the round unvarnished tale, which I hope justified the Lord Chancellor, in conferring upon me the appointment; and you, I think I may assume, have, in this marked and distinguished manner, sanctioned the choice. And now I have only to thank you again, and all my friends whom you kindly represent, for this proof of your sympathy and kindness, and to assure you that I shall treasure it as long as I live, and leave it to my successor, as an heirloom, by whom it will be, I am sure, equally appreciated."

Judge Stansfeld resided at Moorlands, during the latter part of his life. He was a justice of the peace for the West riding of Yorkshire. Mrs. Stansfeld died in 1851.

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## II.—RT. HON. JAMES STANSFELD, P.C., M.P., &c.

JAMES STANSFELD, only son and heir of Judge Stansfeld, was born 5th March, baptised 11th September, 1820, and married 27th July 1844, CAROLINE, second daughter of William Henry Ashurst, solicitor, of London. He was educated for the legal profession, graduated B.A. 1840, LL.B. 1844, and is a member of the convocation of London university. He entered as student of the Inner Temple, 31st October 1840; and was called to the bar, 26th January 1849. He was elected M.P. for

his native town, in April 1859, which he has ever since represented in parliament. He was Junior Lord of the Admiralty, from April 1863 till April 1864; Under-Secretary of State for India, from February to July 1866; Third Lord of the Treasury, from December 1868, till November 1869, when he became Financial Secretary to the Treasury, until March 1871. He was then appointed President of the Poor Law Board, till August, and thence, President of the Local Government Board, until February 1874. He was created a Privy Councillor, in February 1869.

He has issue one son, Joseph James Stansfeld, of whom next.

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### III.—JOSEPH JAMES STANSFELD.

JOSEPH JAMES STANSFELD, only child of the Rt. Hon. James Stansfeld, was born 19th April 1852, and married, 28th February 1878, ELIZABETH WILHELMINA GERTRUDE, only daughter of Edward Charles Healey J.P., of Wyphurst, Cranleigh, co. Surrey. The arms of Healey are: Gules, five fusils in bend, engrailed, ermine, between two lilies, slipped, proper. Crest: On a wreath of the colours, a lily, slipped, proper, in front of four fusils, as in the arms, arranged fess-wise.

He graduated B.A. 1875, and is a member of convocation of London university. He was admitted a student of the Middle Temple, 10th January 1876; and called to the bar 26th January 1880.

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### 7.—HATTON HAMER STANSFELD OF BURLEY.

HATTON HAMER STANSFELD, seventh son of David and Sarah Stansfeld, was born 29th September 1793, married 1st September 1821, ELIZABETH ANNE, daughter of Woodhouse Crompton of Warwick. She died 2nd February 1851, and he married, secondly, 6th October 1852, MARY JANE, daughter of Thomas Sherwood of Shearwater, co. Surrey. He had issue by his first wife:—

1. Thomas Wolryche Stansfeld, of whom next.
2. John William Stansfeld, born 28th July 1823, died in 1836.
3. Henry Hamer Stansfeld, colonel in the Indian army, born 10th October 1839, married at S. Stephen's, Calcutta, 9th March 1869, Katherine Charlotte, daughter of Sir William Grey, K.C.S.I., lieutenant-governor of Bengal, and has issue: Harold Hamer Grey, born 17th February 1870; Cyril Grey, born 17th July 1871; Margaret Elizabeth and Aldith Katie Stansfeld.
- 4 & 5. Elizabeth Anne Crompton Stansfeld, born 1828, and died 1832; and Frances Mary Stansfeld, born 1835, and died in 1853.

Hatton Hamer Stansfeld resided at S. Anne's Hill, Burley, and was official assignee of the court of bankruptcy.

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## II.—THOMAS WOLRYCHE STANSFELD OF WEETWOOD GROVE.

THOMAS WOLRYCHE STANSFELD, son and heir of Hatton Hamer Stansfeld, was born 25th June 1822. He married, as his first wife, in 1851, his half cousin, MARIAN, daughter of Edward Towgood of Paxton Hill, co. Hants, by his wife Sarah, the daughter of James Bischoff and Peggy his wife, daughter of David Stansfeld of Leeds. They had issue: Edward, born 23rd April 1855, married 9th July 1884, Nora Beatrice, fourth daughter of James Edward Bradshaw of Fair Oak Park, Bishopstoke, Hants; Alfred Wolryche, born 7th June 1861; and Elizabeth and Hilda Stansfeld.

Mrs. Stansfeld [*née* Towgood] died in 1861, and he married secondly, 16th December 1863, LOUISA AGNES, second daughter of Joseph Barker Chapman of Whitby. They have issue: William Hatton, born 5th March 1865; Horace Wolryche, born 22nd August 1866; Hubert Arthur, born 29th February 1868; Mary Adeline and Mabel Katherine Stansfeld.

Thomas Wolryche Stansfeld resides at Weetwood Grove, near Leeds. He is a justice of the peace for the West riding of the county of York.

## 9.—HAMER STANSFELD OF HEADINGLEY LODGE.

HAMER STANSFELD, ninth son and thirteenth child of David and Sarah Stansfeld, was born 16th February 1797, married in 1845, and died in 1865. His wife was ELLEN, daughter of Matthew Towgood, of Riversfield, co. Hants. They had issue, Henry James Stansfeld, born at Bonn in 1849, and went to reside in Natal, South Africa.

Hamer Stansfeld was J.P. for the West riding of Yorkshire, and resided at Headingley Lodge, near Leeds.





## CHAPTER X.

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### THE WOLRICH OR WOLRYCHE FAMILY.

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AT the marriage, on the 14th November 1776, of David Stansfeld of Leeds, to Sarah, only child of Thomas Wolrich of Armley House, the Stansfelds became connected with a family, whose lineage stretches far down, into the Saxon period. It descends in an uninterrupted male line, from :—

1. ORDGAR, earl of Devonshire and Cornwall, who had, besides a daughter Elfrida, who married king Edgar, a second son :—

2. EADULF, who married ELFWINA, only child and heiress of Ethelred, duke, or last king, of Mercia, by Ethelfleda, daughter of king Alfred the Great, and sister of king Edward the Elder. He had issue :—

3. LEOFWINE, earl of Mercia, who had immense possessions in Mercia, which evidently were inherited from his mother, and had not been alienated from her, when she was dispossessed of the sovereignty, by her uncle, king Edward the Elder. He gave Adelwolber, to the abbey of Peterborough, and is witness to charters, bearing date 967 and 994 (see Dugdale's *Monasticon*). He married ALWARA, daughter of Athelstane, son of Manne, son of Toglos, a Danish duke and earl of East Anglia, whose wife was the daughter of Athelstane, half king of all England. They had issue : Ælfhelm, earl of Northumberland, by whose daughter, Algwin, Canute the Great had Sweyn, king of Norway, and Harold I., king of England ; Norman, slain at the battle of Assandun in Essex, A.D. 1016 ; Edwin, slain in battle by Griffin, king of Wales ; Leofric, earl of Mercia, who married

the famous lady Godiva of Coventry ; Godwin, of whom next ; and Ermenhild, who married Richard d' Avranches of Normandy, and had Hugh Lupus, earl of Chester, died in 1101, and Matilda, ancestress of Robert Bruce, king of Scotland.

4. GODWIN married GODA, sister of king Edward the Confessor, and daughter of Ethelred II. by Emma, daughter of Richard II., duke of Normandy, and Estritha, daughter of Sweyn, king of England and Denmark. They had issue : Godric, slain at the battle of Harbeuer ; Wolfric, of whom hereafter ; Egelric, bishop of Durham, who resigned in favour of his brother, in 1056 ; and Egelwin, bishop of Durham, starved to death in 1072.

5. WOLFRIC, lord of Leek, Staffordshire, and Croxton, Chester. He gave Marham to Peterborough abbey, and Blakeford, to Glastonberg abbey, in Wessex. He possessed royal privileges at Worksop, and part of a salt work at Middlewich. He was warden of the royal forests, in the time of Edward the Confessor and William I.; and resided, at the end of the 11th century, at Thornhill, near Wimborne minster, Dorset, then forming part of the New Forest. He married, for his first wife, a daughter of William Poncius, count of Argues and Thoulouse, son of Richard II., duke of Normandy. By her, he had issue : Hama (Orme) Maser, baron of Durham Massey ; Waltheof, lord of Etchells &c., and ancestor of the barons of Stockport, earls of Power, and the Venables, lords Vernon, &c. Wolfric married, secondly, his half-cousin ALDITH, daughter of Algar earl of Mercia, and grand-daughter of Leofric and the lady Godiva. She had been twice widowed. Her first husband was Griffin, king of Wales ; her second was Harold II., king of England, by whom she had a daughter, married to Waldemar II., czar of Muscovy. Wolfric's issue by her was, besides Randolph de Tettesworth :—

6. GAMEL de Tettesworth, lord of Aldithley at the time of Domesday. He had issue, Alisus and :—

7. ADAM de Aldithley or Audley, who had, besides a second son, Adam, the ancestor of the Stanleys, earls of Derby, &c.:—



8. LIONULPH, son and heir, sheriff of Cheshire *temp.* king Stephen, who had :—

9. ADAM de Audley, in the time of King Henry II., who had : Sir Henry, son and heir, lord of Audley, living in 1236, and ancestor of barons Audley ; Richard ; William de Lake ; and :—

10. SIR ADAM WOLRYCHE of Wenlock, with whom many of the pedigrees of the Wolryche family commence, living in 1343. He married EDITHA and had : Richard and John, both died s.p. ; Roger, of whom next, and Robert and Joan.

11. ROGER WOLRYCHE, living 2nd Richard II. [1378-9], married and had :—

12. RICHARD WOLRYCHE, living in 1393, married — LENTHALL and had :—

13. JOHN WOLRYCHE, who married ELIZABETH BETHE, and had :—

14. ROGER WOLRYCHE, who married MARGARET, daughter and co-heiress of ——— Upton of Upton, county Salop, whose arms are quartered by the family. They had issue :—

15. WILLIAM WOLRYCHE, who married MARGARET, daughter and co-heiress of Hugh de Dodmaston, by Isabell, daughter of Sir William Foster, knight. The Dodmaston arms are quartered by the Wolrichs. They had issue :—

16. ANDREW WOLRYCHE of Dodmaston, M.P. for Bridgenorth in 1435. Two pedigrees in the Harleian MSS. 1174, pp. 123 and 158, introduce an intermediate descent of a ROGER, married to a daughter of Sir Thomas Grey, marquis of Dorset, but this is not to be found, in more authenticated pedigrees. Andrew Wolryche married, for his first wife, ELIZABETH, daughter and heiress of Thomas Walton of Staffordshire, gentleman, whose arms are quartered in consequence. He married secondly, MARGARET, sister to Boicus Hampton, one of the esquires to the body of Henry VI. He had by his first wife :—

17. THOMAS WOLRYCHE of Dodmaston, who married ELIZABETH, daughter and heiress of William Rowley of Staffordshire, esquire, whose arms occupy the fifth quartering of the

Wolrich shield. They had issue: Humphrey, living 4th Henry VII., ancestor of the Wolrichs of Dodmaston, baronets, now represented by the earl of Dudley and others; Joyce; Isabel; Katherine; Margaret, married a Percy; Eleanor, married a Houghton; Rowland, a priest; Joyce, a nun; and:—

18. SIR WILLIAM WOLRICH, knight, second son, married, about the year 1500, ISABEL, daughter and heiress of — Cullinge of Wickombroke, esquire. He first came into the county of Suffolk, with the earl of Kent. The Cullinge arms are quartered in the sixth quartering. He had issue, besides a second son, Richard:—

19. JOHN WOLRICH of Wickombrooke, who married JOANE, daughter of — Barnes of Soham in Cambridgeshire, esquire, and had issue: Christopher, whose children all died young; John, ancestor of the Wolrichs of Cowling (now extinct), and of lady Hewley, whose trusts were so long the subject of litigation, and others; William, who died without male issue; Bridget, married — Byre; Isabel, married — Parry of Mordhampton; Joane, married — Dersley; Margaret, married, 1st, Robert Higham of Cowling, by whom she had five sons and five daughters, 2nd, Roger Tornell, esquire, who died in 1598; and:—

20. THOMAS WOLRICH of Alconbury, Huntingdonshire, married ELIZABETH, daughter of Sir Richard Wingfield K.G. of Kimbolton Castle, of royal blood, as see pedigree. They had issue: Francis, son and heir, of whom hereafter; Christopher, married the widow of Sir Humphrey Stafford, knight, by whom two daughters; John; Symond; Honor, married her cousin, Charles Wolrich of Cowling; and Temperance Wolrich.

21. FRANCIS WOLRICH of Alconbury, married LORE, daughter of Robert Higham of Branches Park, Suffolk, esquire, and had issue: Anne, married Israel Fielding of Starford, Yorkshire, esquire; Torrel; Honor; and:—

22. THOMAS WOLRICH, son and heir, married FRANCES, daughter of William Wickham, bishop of Lincoln, 1585, afterwards bishop of Winchester, by Antonina, youngest daughter of William Barlow, bishop of Chichester. Bishop Barlow had five

daughters, all of whom married bishops. Ann, the eldest, married Herbert Westphaling, bishop of Hereford; Elizabeth married William Day, bishop of Winchester; Margaret married William Overton, bishop of Lichfield and Coventry; and Frances married 1st Matthew Parker, son of the archbishop of Canterbury, and 2nd Toby Mathew, archbishop of York. Thomas Wolrich left issue: Sir Toby Wolrich of Bishopsbourne and Cowling, knight, LL.D., and a Master in Chancery, who married Jane, daughter and eventually heiress of Sir Robert Hatton of Bishopsbourne, and their granddaughter, Penelope Wolrich, became heiress of this branch of the family, and married her relative, Toby Wolrich, of Leeds. He also left, besides three daughters: Frances; Antonina, married — Hindmarsh of Bishopsbourne; and Joyce, married — Walker of Tranton, near Newark; a second son:—

23. HENRY WOLRICH of Barnby Hall, near Cawthorne, Yorkshire, captain of horse to Charles I., died in the Charterhouse, 1697. He is stated, on an ancient monument in Mill hill chapel, Leeds, along with his brother, Sir Toby Wolrich, to have sacrificed his fortune, and hazarded his life, in defence of Charles I., and the constitution. He married REBECCA, and had issue, four daughters: Grace, married — Barrow; Ann, died unmarried; Mary; and Rebecca, married William Bramham; and an only son:—

24. THOMAS WOLRICH, M.A., vicar of Brotherton, died 1689. He married ELLEN, daughter of John Richardson of Halifax, gentleman, and left issue, besides four sons and two daughters, who all died without male issue:—

25. TOBY WOLRICH of Leeds, born in 1683, died 1742. He married PENELOPE HATTON, daughter and heiress of his half cousin, Hatton Wolrich of Kingston-on-Thames, esquire, and granddaughter of Sir Toby Wolrich of Bishopsbourne, and of Jane Hatton his wife. The Hatton arms are therefore quartered, on account of this marriage. Penelope Hatton Wolrich was born 2nd November 1687, and died in 1763. Their issue was, besides three sons who died young, two daughters who died unmarried, Hatton of Potternewton, who married Mary,

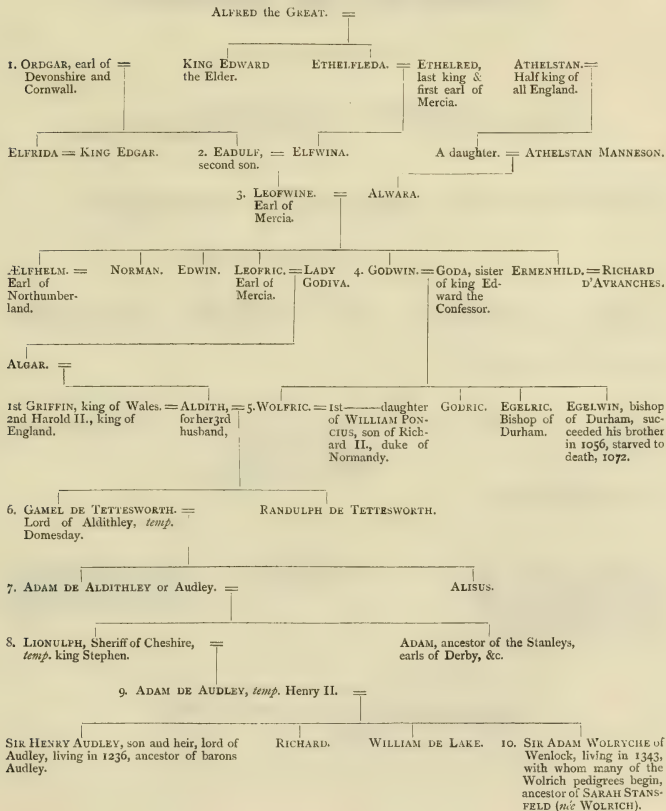
daughter of Lawrence Slater of York, and had issue, two daughters; and a son and heir:—

26. THOMAS WOLRICH of Armley house, near Leeds, born in 1719, died 1791. He was brought up by his distant relative, lady Hewley, in the expectation of inheriting her property, some part of which she did bequeath to him. He married PEGGY, daughter of Samuel Hamer of Hamer, Lancashire, esquire, by Mary, sister of Sir Henry Ibbetson, baronet, and of Samuel Ibbetson of Denton Park, esquire. Besides a son, Thomas, born and died in 1754, and a daughter, Peggy, born 1758, died 1760, their only issue was a daughter:—

27. SARAH WOLRICH, born 23rd February 1757, who married in 1776, DAVID STANSFELD of Leeds, esquire, and had issue, fourteen children.

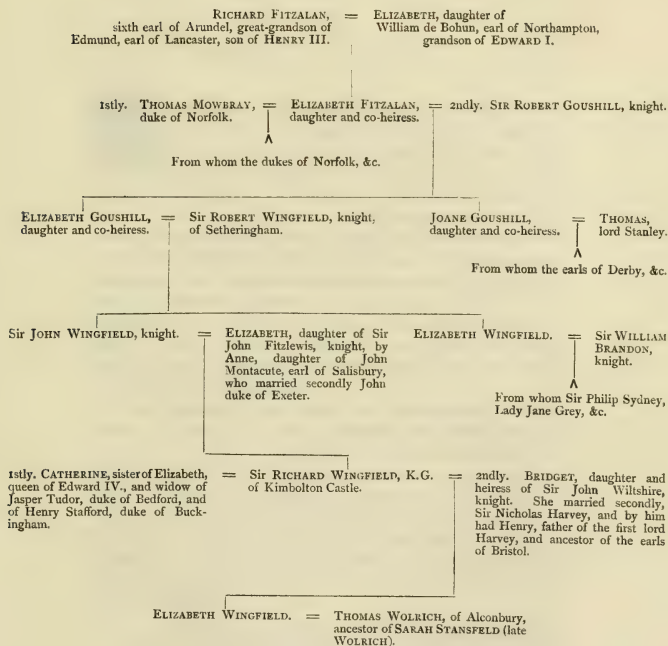


# Pedigree shewing Saxon descent of Sarah Stansfeld.





# Pedigree shewing double descent of Sarah Stansfeld from Henry III. and Edward I.









## CHAPTER XI.

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### GUISELEY CHURCH.

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**N**OT far from Esholt Hall, the seat of General Stansfield, is the little village of Guiseley, which anciently formed part of the Saxon parish of Otley. The church is dedicated to S. Oswald, a fact in itself, proving the antiquity of its erection. Whitaker's *Loidis and Elmete*, opposite p. 210, gives a plate, shewing the beautiful arcade of four Norman arches, forming the south side of the nave. The pillars, clustered of four, have the ordinary base mouldings. The capitals differ, that of the central pillar, having more of a foliated appearance, being similar to those of the outer pillars, but with the invected edges of the moulding, turned over. Since the time of Whitaker, the church has been 'restored,' and a clerestory added, above this arcade, of six double lights, deeply splayed.

The northern arcade consists of three graceful pointed arches, no clerestory, with two octagonal piers, having ordinary bases and capitals. At the spring of the first arch, from the pier of the chancel or transept, is carved, on a shield, a cross patonce. Azure, a cross patonce, or, are the arms of the Warde family, which founded the church, and the neighbouring priory of Esholt. Whitaker's *Loidis and Elmete*, page 202, gives a *fac-simile* of an inscription, which remained at the priory; and one of three shields, which forms part of the illustration, he describes as follows:—

“The cross patee on the second, is the armorial bearing of the Wards, founders of the house; and the initial R, denotes, in all probability, the representative of the family, at the time when the stone was erected.”

The cross, however, on the shield, as drawn, is a cross moline ; but as Whitaker did not see the inscription, possibly the copyist may have made an error. The cross is borne in many shapes and tinctures, by families of the name of Ward. The cross patonce, however, seems the most ancient, and this carving, in a church of which one of the family was the founder, should have been considered decisive ; but Slater's *History of Guiseley*, p. 101, adopts, *Azure, a cross patte or*. At the spring of the third arch, from the tower pier, is a similar shield, charged with the letter W, and over it, a goat's head in fess, bearded, being the monogram and crest of the Ward family.

The east wall of the chancel, contains a window of five lancet lights. Whitaker ascribes the light clustered columns of the choir and transept, to the time of Henry III. The subjects of the east window above-mentioned, are :—

- 1st light, north. The Holy Babe in the stable at Bethlehem ; and the star shining overhead, and casting down its rays over where He lay.
- 2nd. The baptism of Christ in the Jordan ; the Holy Spirit descending as a Dove upon Him.
- 3rd and centre. The Ascension.
- 4th. S. Mary Magdalene meeting the Risen Lord, in the garden of S. Joseph of Arimathea.
- 5th. The first Whitsun day. The descent of the Holy Ghost upon the apostles.

The inscription at the foot of the window, is as follows, taking the same order :—

1864. This window to the glory of God, and in memory of many members of the families of Micklethwait, Pollard, and Stansfeld, who are interred within this church.

It is worthy of note, as evidencing the less regard for accuracy, in modern stained windows, and also the absolute disregard, for any historic or doctrinal evidence, which may hereafter be drawn from them, that in the fifth lancet, there are only nine apostles figured, but the B.V.M. is shewn in the midst of them, and upon her head, also, rests a tongue of fire ; and not one, of the whole ten tongues, is cloven.

In the easternmost window of the north aisle, or, as it might be termed, the north transept window, is represented, in stained glass, a shield of arms, and an inscription, which is given below, as far as could be made out. The portion in square brackets, is taken from Whitaker, who seems to have been more fortunate, in his opportunity of deciphering it. The arms are :—

Per Pale: First, Quarterly, 1. Argent, a fess between three pheons, sable (RAWDON); 2. Argent, a fess between two lions passant, sable (FOLLEFAIT); 3. Argent, a chevron between three hinds' heads, erased, gules (BECKWITH); and 4. Argent, on a fess sable, three escallops of the first, a canton ermine ( ). The above impales :—Argent, a fess between three cross crosslets, azure (ALDBURGH). CREST :—A pheon, sable. DATE as MOTTO :—1668. INSCRIPTION :—In hac parte septentrionali sepelitur corpus Francisci de Rawdon (una cum proavis suis) et Dorathæ Vxoris suæ, filiæ Gulielmi Aldburgh de Aldburgh Armigeri qui Connubijs vixerunt annos 57. Ipsa obiit anno 166[o] [ille die 25 Aprilis 1668.]

In the south transept, in which the piscina still remains, evidencing its former use, as a chantry chapel, are six hatchments, three on the east, and three on the west. Commencing at the north of the former, they are described below, just as they appear, errors and all.

- No 1. On a lozenge-shaped shield :—Vert, three goats trippant, argent, armed and unguled, or (STANSFIELD); on a shield of pretence : Argent, on a chief, gules, two cross crosslets of the field (FERRAND).
- No 2. ARMS :—Argent, a fess, sable, between three rooks, proper. (ROOKES); on an escutcheon of pretence : Vert, three goats trippant, argent, armed and unguled, or (STANSFIELD). CREST :—Over a squire's helmet, on a wreath of the colours, a raven feeding on a wheat sheaf, proper.
- No 3. Vert, on a bend cotised, argent, a lion passant, gules, between two covered cups, or; on a chief gold, three pheons, sable (CROMPTON); bearing on an escutcheon of pretence : Quarterly, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> : Vert, a fess, sable, between three rooks, proper (ROOKES); 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> : Vert, three goats statant, argent, armed, unguled, and bearded, or (STANSFIELD).

- No 4. ARMS:—Azure (Vert?) three goats trippant, argent (STANSFIELD); on a shield of pretence: Argent, on a chief, gules, two crosses patonce, of the field (FERRAND). CREST:—A lion's head erased, gules. MOTTO:—MEDIO TUTISSIMUS IBIS.
- No 5. A lozenge-shaped shield, bearing:—Azure, a fess, sable, between three rooks, proper (ROOKES); on an escutcheon of pretence: Vert, three goats trippant, argent, armed and unguled, or (STANSFIELD).
- No 6. ARMS:—Vert, on a bend, argent, double cotised, ermine, between two covered cups, or, a lion passant, gules, on a chief azure, three pheons, gold (CROMPTON); bearing on a shield of pretence: *Quarterly*, 1st and 4th: Argent, a fess, sable, between three rooks, proper (ROOKES). 2nd and 3rd: Sable, three goats trippant, argent, collared and belled, or (STANSFIELD). CREST:—Over a squire's helm, on a wreath, or and vert, a demi-horse, sable, vulned with an arrow, proper. MOTTO:—LOVE AND LOYALTY.

On the south side of the same transept or chapel, are two marble monuments, relating to the Stansfield family. The first bears a coat of arms over it, and inscription, as follows:—

ARMS:—Argent, a fess, sable, between three rooks, proper; on an escutcheon of pretence: Vert, three goats trippant, argent (ROOKES and STANSFIELD). CREST:—On a sheaf of corn, a rook (or raven) proper.

ANN ROOKES. Sacred to the memory of ANN ROOKES, wife of WILLIAM ROOKES Esq<sup>r</sup> and sister and heir at law of ROBERT STANSFIELD of Esholt Hall Esq<sup>r</sup>: Died Feby<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>, 1798, aged 68. Mother of five children, of whom two alone survived her. From a high regard for her religious character, and unshaken resignation, during nine years painful suffering, her son-in-law, JOSHUA CROMPTON, has dedicated this memorial.

Also to the memory of WILLIAM ROOKES Esq<sup>r</sup> husband of the above ANN ROOKES, senior bencher of Gray's Inn, and last survivor, in the male line, of the ancient family of ROOKES of Roydes Hall: died Oct<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1789, aged 70.

Also to their son WILLIAM ROOKES Esq<sup>r</sup> student of Gray's Inn: died Oct<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1786, aged 25.

The other monument contains the following arms and inscription:—

ARMS :—Vert, on a bend, argent, double cotised, ermine, a lion passant, gules, between two covered cups, or, on a chief, azure, three pheons, or (CROMPTON) ; on an escutcheon of pretence : *Quarterly*, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Argent, a fess, sable, between three rooks, proper (ROOKES) ; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Vert, three goats trippant, argent (STANSFIELD). CREST :—A demi-horse, sable, vulned in the chest by an arrow, proper.

ANNA MARIA CROMPTON and JOSHUA CROMPTON. Sacred to the memory of ANN MARIA CROMPTON, eldest daughter and coheir of WILLIAM and ANN ROOKES : married Feby. 28<sup>th</sup> 1786, to JOSHUA CROMPTON Esq<sup>r</sup>. of York : died 5<sup>th</sup> June 1819 aged 56. Her exemplary conduct during the varying duties of life, her unaffected piety, and universal christian benevolence, while they endear the remembrance of her, will long embitter the loss, to her afflicted husband, and nine surviving children, as well as a large circle of attached relatives and friends.

Also to the memory of STANSFIELD, their eldest son, who died June 25<sup>th</sup> 1801, aged 13 ; and of JOSHUA CHARLES, their third son, who died an infant, Dec<sup>br</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1794.

Underneath this monument, is a brass plate, much corroded :—

JOSHUA CROMPTON Esq<sup>re</sup> who erected this monument to his beloved and lamented wife, died at Esholt Hall, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 1832, aged 77, born Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1755. By his own request, his remains were placed in the same vault with her's, in the north part of this transept.

He was third son of Sam<sup>l</sup> Crompton Esq<sup>re</sup> of Derby, and to record the death of the last of two excellent parents, their eldest son, W<sup>m</sup> ROOKES CROMPTON STANSFIELD, has inserted this plate.

On the west side of the same transept, is another marble monument, containing arms and inscription as follows :—

ARMS :—Vert, three goats trippant, argent, armed and unguled, or (STANSFIELD) ; surmounted by an escutcheon of pretence, bearing : Argent, on a chief, gules, two cross crosslets of the first (FERRAND).

CREST :—A lion's head erased, or.

Sacred to the memory of ROBERT STANSFIELD of Esholt, Esq<sup>r</sup>. He married JANE, eldest daughter & coheir of RICHARDSON FERRAND of Harden Esq<sup>r</sup> & by her had two daughters, who died in their

infancy: He departed this life Sept<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1772, aged 44 years. He was of a friendly generous & affectionate disposition, esteemed by his acquaintance, beloved by his relations, & was truly deserving the character of a worthy gentleman. Also to the memory of ELIZABETH, second daughter of WILLIAM ROOKES Esq<sup>r</sup> by ANN his wife, the only surviving sister & heir at law of the above ROBERT STANSFELD Esq<sup>r</sup>. She died 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1780, aged 15 years. Also to the memory of JANE STANSFELD, relict of the above R: STANSFELD Esq<sup>r</sup> died June 18<sup>th</sup> 1796 aged 65. Her conduct as a wife was irreproachable, and her widowhood of 24 years, was spent in unaffected piety and universal benevolence to all around her, particularly to the afflicted and distressed, to whom she was a constant benefactress. She lived beloved, and died lamented.

In the *Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Journal*, vol. 6, pp. 88-9, is the following copy of a gravestone, in the floor of the chancel.

In memory of ELIZABETH, Daughter of GEORGE and ANNA STANSFELD of Bradford, Born the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1817, Died the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 1818. Also of ELIZABETH POLLARD, another of their Daughters, Born 26<sup>th</sup> January 1825. Died 6 July 1827. The remains of these two Children are deposited in the Vault beneath, as well as those of their Father, the above-named GEORGE STANSFELD, who was born the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1784, and died 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1684. JANE POLLARD STANSFELD, Died 26<sup>th</sup> of March 1836, Aged 6 years. Also of SARAH ELLEN, eldest daughter of the above said GEORGE STANSFELD, who died October 5<sup>th</sup> 1857, Aged 38 years. Here lies interred MARY, the Daughter of M<sup>r</sup> RICHARD MICKLETHWAIT of Leeds, who departed this life the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1700, Aged 11 months. Also ELIZABETH, daughter of the above RICHARD MICKLETHWAIT, died 7<sup>th</sup> August 1791, Aged 3 years. And EDWARD a Son, who died an Infant. Here also is interr'd ELIZABETH, wife of the said RICHARD MICKLETHWAIT, now of New Laiths in this Parish, who departed this life on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1803, Aged 41 years. Also the above said M<sup>r</sup> RICHARD MICKLETHWAIT, who died June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1822, Aged 66 years. Also ELIZABETH, Daughter of the above, who died Oct<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1816, Aged 17 years. Also RICHARD, Son of the above, who died Feb<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1823, Aged 30 years.

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In memory of ANNABELLA STANSFELD, Daughter of GEORGE and ANNA STANSFELD of New Laiths, in this Parish, who died April 18<sup>th</sup> 1837, Aged 15 years.



## CHAPTER XII.

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### STANSFELD OF NEW MILNS, N.B.

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COTLAND supplies the darkest page, in all this history, concerning a branch of the family, which, although the connection with the parent stem, cannot yet be ascertained; yet seems, by the evidence that the first representative came from Yorkshire, and also the similarity of the coat of arms, *with* a difference in tincture, to be undoubtedly from the same root. Little did the Scotch heralds know, when they changed the field of vert [green] or sable [black] into gules [red], with what a deep dark stain of blood, that escutcheon would be tintured. And amidst all the strange and superstitious fancies, which cloud around the subject, may not another be added to the number? Since in all the differences, the charges are left unchanged, may not the guilt or innocence of the unhappy Philip Stansfeld, be left, at least, a matter of opinion, with not sufficient evidence, to place it within the region of fact? The differences in the spelling of the name of this branch of the Stansfeld family, will at once attract the notice of the reader. In the grant of arms, it is Stamfeild. Afterwards, in various places, it occurs as Stampfield, Stamfield, Stansfield, Standsfield, Stansfeild and Stanfield; and proves, at any rate, what little stress should be placed upon the mere orthography.

The following account of the tragedy, which has been alluded to, is gathered from Miller's *Lamp of Lothian* 1844, Daniel Wilson's *Memorials of Edinburgh*, from *Notes and Queries*, and other public and private sources.

In the time of Cromwell the Protector, the lands near Haddington, that had previously belonged to the abbey, were disposed of, to an English company, of which Colonel James Stansfeld was the leading partner. When young, he was secretary to General Morgan; but soon afterwards, took to trade, and married a Scotch lady. He held the rank of colonel in the parliamentary army, and established his woollen factory upon the lands, obtained for the purpose, east of the Nungate and west of Stevington, at New Milns, near Haddington; and several acts of parliament were obtained, in favour of the company. It is said that Cromwell, whilst residing in the neighbourhood, formed the plan of this establishment, in the same manner as he did that, for the manufacture of knitted hose, at Aberdeen. The pastoral situation of Lammermoor, very naturally suggested the idea, to an enterprising mind.

Colonel Stansfeld, with great success, continued to carry on the manufacture, after the Restoration; and Charles II. not only granted him many privileges, but also conferred upon him, the order of knighthood. In 1678, an act of parliament was passed, by which the country (Scotland) was assessed, for raising a voluntary offering for Charles II., of eighteen hundred thousand pounds (Scots); and Sir James Stansfeld was appointed one of the commissioners for collecting it, for Haddingtonshire. And again, in 1685, he held a similar position, with regard to the voluntary offering to James II. of two hundred and sixteen thousand pounds (Scots) yearly.

He had two sons, Philip and John. The former was sent to Saint Andrew's university, and was of age, and married, in 1680-2; and before 1687, had been a soldier abroad, and in several prisons. He was on indifferent terms with his father, and is said to have been of a reckless temperament. Happening to be in Fife, when public feeling was excited against archbishop Sharpe, he readily joined in the attack upon him. Shortly afterwards, it was believed, the thought occurred to him, that he might similarly get rid of his own father, and become himself the laird.



In 1687, the body of Sir James Stansfeld, was found in a ditch, east of the Nungate, with such wounds on it, as, when examined, left little doubt of his having been murdered. On the third day after the discovery of the body, it was privately buried, in the lonely churchyard of Morham, several miles away from New Milns ; notwithstanding the family burial ground was in Haddington. The proximity of the abbey, and S. Martin's, was also overlooked.

It was in consequence of some rumours being in circulation, provoked by this hasty interment, that an order from the privy council, was issued to Crawford and Muirhead, two eminent surgeons in Edinburgh, to proceed forthwith to Haddington. They were ordered to have the body disinterred, with a view to a *post-mortem* examination taking place, and a report of the result being drawn up, and given in to the proper authorities, that the whole case might be brought under the investigation of the Justiciary Court, should there be any grounds for such proceedings.

At first, no suspicion was excited of the son having been the guilty party ; but in the circumstances, it was suggested, under direction of the lord advocate, then Sir John Dalrymple, afterwards earl of Stair, and nephew of the deceased, that a " Trial by Ordeal " should be adopted, with a view, if possible, of discovering the murderer. Accordingly, the body was carried into the church of Haddington, laid before the pulpit, and after a venerable minister had solemnly engaged in prayer, that He Who seeth in secret, would make known the guilty one, all who were understood to have recently had intercourse or acquaintance with the deceased, were required to come forward and touch the corpse. In doing so, the eldest son, probably from being excited, giving the body an abrupt movement, caused the blood to flow or start from some wound. The result was, that a jury afterwards declared him to be the murderer, as disclosed by Him Who cannot be deceived. This is said to be the last " Trial by Ordeal," which took place in Scotland.

His servants were apprehended and put to the torture, without eliciting any further " proof." The trial took place on the 6th February 1687-8, and there are some strange things in

the indictment, such as : Mr. John Bell, minister of Haddington, who was staying with Sir James Stansfeld, heard great noise that night, &c: That the mother of Philip had the dead clothes ready : That he drank the king's confusion, &c., which shews that political matter was mixed up with the subject.

In the defence, it was urged that the unhappy youth was intoxicated, when he drunk the king's confusion, with which he linked the pope's, the chancellor's, and the Devil's, yet the justices found it treason. And in the words of Wilson :—

“On very vague circumstantial evidence, added to the miraculous testimony of the murdered man, the son, a notorious profligate, was condemned to death, and hanged at the Cross of Edinburgh. His tongue was cut out, for cursing his father ; his right hand struck off, for parricide ; his head exposed on the east gate of Haddington, as nearest the scene of the murder ; and his body hung in chains on the Gallowlie, between Edinburgh and Leith. He died denying his guilt.”

It is said, elsewhere, that he confessed his guilt, before being led forth to execution ; and (*vide Notes and Queries*) had attempted his father's life so early as 1683. But lord Fountainhall seems to have had doubts, on the perpetration of so horrid a crime. There was great excitement at Haddington, which may have occasioned the quiet interment at Morham. It has been said that :—

“The thing which had most weight with the jury, was the bleeding of the body, on being touched by the unhappy youth. A thing not unlikely to happen, on a bruised body being moved.”

But if as the accounts seem to state, the body was found in water, three days elapsed before burial, and the “trial by ordeal” took place after the disinterment, the ordinary bleeding of a bruised body, would not be likely to occur in this case. Lord Fountainhall, however, remarks :—

“This is a dark case of divination, to be remitted to the great day ; only it is certain, he was a bad youth, and may serve as a beacon to all profligate persons.”

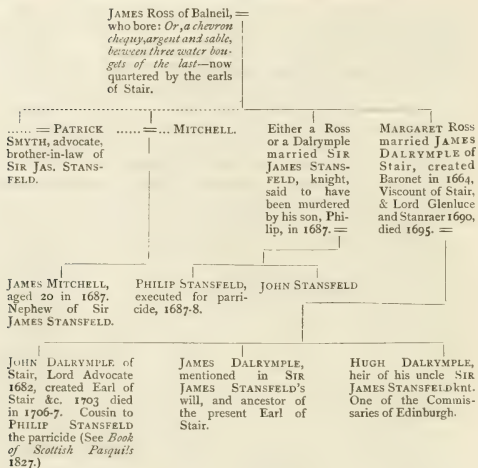
The whole story is summed up, though rather in the manner of the public prosecutor, or the sensational novelist, than the

judicious historian, by F. M. S., in *Notes and Queries*, in the following dramatic style :—

“The story of the murder of Sir James Stansfeld, at Newmilns, near Haddington, in 1687, is one of grim interest. It is remarkable, that it has hitherto escaped the sensation novelist. Certainly, imagination could not invent a more dreadful story. The poor knight complaining, with sighs and tears, to his friend, in the Edinburgh coffee-house, that he had no comfort in wife or sons; his dreary ride home to Newmilns, that bleak November evening; the sounds of horror in the house, during the night, causing his guest, pious Mr. Bell, to betake himself to his prayers, thinking the house was in possession of evil spirits; the discovery of the body, floating amidst the ice; the hurried and indecent interment, and the suspicions and rumours consequent on it; the disinterment and the scene in Morhame church, when the son assists to raise his father's body, and the gush of blood flows over his parricidal hands, his horror-struck exclamation, ‘Lord have mercy upon me!’ the trial, conviction, and execution, with the extraordinary mishap of the slip of the rope, the parricide falling on his knees on the scaffold, and being ultimately strangled by the executioner, dying thus the very death he had inflicted on his own father; and the horrible rumours afloat respecting Lady Stansfeld; all combine to form a picture of horrors, never surpassed by the most unhealthy imagination of the Eugene Sue stamp.”

The report of the trial, mentions that Sir James Stansfeld came from Yorkshire; that he had two sons, Philip and John; a nephew, James Mitchel, who was aged 20, at the time of the trial; and a brother-in-law, Patrick Smyth, advocate, who gave evidence. *Notes and Queries 4th S. ix. p. 119*, shews the connection, between Sir James Stansfeld and the Dalrymples, which will be seen at a glance, by the sketch pedigree overleaf.

“On reading, the other day, the virulent attack on the Stair family, in Mr. Maidment's curious *Book of Scottish Pasquils* (Edin. 1827), I observe that the writer says that John, first earl of Stair, was a cousin of PHILIP STANSFELD, the parricide. Now, as the earl was son of James Dalrymple of Stair, by Margaret, daughter of James Ross of Balneil, in Galloway, it follows that LADY STANSFELD must have been either a Dalrymple or a Ross. But had she been a Dalrymple, the writer of the lampoon, would not have failed to have made the most of it.”



Upon the death of Sir James Stansfeld, the manufactory got into pecuniary difficulties; and its lands and premises being purchased by Colonel Charteris, he changed the name of New Milns, to that of Amisfield, the ancient seat of his ancestors, in Dumfriesshire. His descendant, maternally, is its present owner, the earl of Wemyss and March.

Daniel Wilson, in his *Memorials of Edinburgh in the Olden Times* (1848), Vol. ii. p. 55, besides the matter already utilized in the sketch of the murder and trial, gives the following information respecting the name:—

“The High Street and Nether Row.—World’s End Close is the appropriate title to the last alley, before we reach the site of the Nether Bow Port, that terminated, of old, the boundaries of the walled capital, and separated it from its courtly rival, the Burgh of Canongate. It is called, in the earliest title deeds we have seen connected with it, SIR JAMES STANFIELD Close, and

though the greatest part of it, has been rebuilt, it still retains a few interesting traces of former times. Over the door of a modern land, a finely carved piece of open tracery is built into the wall, apparently the top of a very rich Gothic niche, similar to those in Blyth's Close and elsewhere; and on a Lintel of an old land, at the foot of the close, there is a shield of Arms, now partly defaced, and this variation of the Common Motto:—

Prais . ye .  
the . Lord . for . al . his .  
Giftis . M.S.

But when Captain Stansfeld of Dunninald Castle, near Montrose, visited World's End Close, on the 6th of November 1884, he could discover no remains of either tracery, arms or motto.

It will be remembered, that the murdered man was first buried in Morham churchyard. The Rev. John G. Tainsh M.A., of Morham manse, through whom, and his friends, W. Richardson, Esq., of Haddington, and the Rev. J. Strathers LL.D., F.S.A. (Scot.) of Prestonpan manse, most of the private information, relating to this chapter, has been received, states that the registers of Morham parish, only commence in 1712; also that:—

“There is a stone in our churchyard, set on pillars (or rather, was set), and nicely and artistically cut, which I have always connected with some person of wealth or eminence. But the inscription is quite illegible.”

But the present sexton of Haddington, has it from an old or former sexton, that Sir James Stansfeld is buried in the Haddington churchyard, and points out the ground, which was close to the old boundary wall, removed a few years ago, when the churchyard was enlarged; and that a very old tombstone, built into the said wall, which fell to pieces in taking down the wall, was in commemoration of Sir James Stansfeld, although quite illegible. The ground was known as the Newmilns burying ground, and there now stands a tombstone upon it, with the following inscription, which may have some connection with the nephew, named James Mitchell.

James Mitchel, Factor to the Earl of Wemyss for  $5\frac{1}{2}$  years, born at Alford, Aberdeenshire, 9th Oct. 1735, died 6th Oct. 1803, aged 68. Also Jean Lorimer his spouse, born at Earnhill, Banffshire, Dec. 13th 1741, died June 8th 1811. Also his mother, and three of his children.

Mr. Tainsh, however, adds: The sexton's story, like most of sextons' stories, must go for little—or nothing.

Sir James Stansfeld made no will; but in the Commissariat of Edinburgh, in volume 79 of testaments, is a Testament Dative and Inventory, obtained by his creditors. His personal estate seems to have consisted only, of one eighth part of a ship, and one sixteenth part of another ship called the "Penelope," valued at £16, and also the furniture of his house, which was secured to his widow, under marriage settlements. His whole estate seems to have been estimated at £703 6s. 8d., Scots. In addition to this, however, there were some rents due to him, at his death, of considerable amount, which would lead one to suppose that his estates were large.





## CHAPTER XIII.

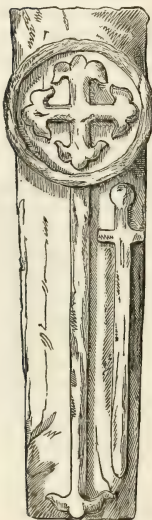
### THE STANSFELDS OF BURNLEY.

**F**OLLOWING the Heralds' College pedigree, the grandson of Wyon Maryons, and son of Jordan de Stansfeld, was Oliver de Stansfeld, constable of Pontefract castle. This great stronghold was the head of the honor of Pontefract, held by the Lacies; and Elland and Southowram have already been mentioned, as the two townships in the parish of Halifax, which were parcels of that honor. And although the township of Stansfeld, as has already been stated, was always a portion of the manor of Wakefield, granted direct from the crown to earl Warren; yet it was the neighbouring township, to the great honor of Clitheroe, also held by the Lacies. The employment, therefore, under the Lacies, of a member of a family, which held lands &c. in the Warren fee, is not, in this case, entirely unexplained.

One of the chapels in Burnley church, is called the Stansfeld chapel; and Dr. Whitaker's *History of Whalley, fourth edition*, page 160, thus describes it:—

“At the eastern extremity of the south aisle, was the *Stansfeld queere*, the property of the Haydocks, of Hesandforth, as representatives of the Stansfelds, lords of Worsthorn. Within the site of this quire, still remains an ancient gravestone, [5ft. 10in. long; breadth at top 19in. at foot 14in.; thickness at top 9in. at base 8in.; the sword thereon is 3ft. 6in. long, including the handle] on which are engraved, in very bold relief, a cross fleury and sword; which I suppose to have covered one of the earlier Stansfelds, and probably Oliver de Stansfeld, the first grantee of the manor of Worsthorn, as the style of it, well accords with the æra of Edward II. The sword

marked his office, as constable of Pontefract castle; and the quire, undoubtedly, belonged to his house of Hesandforth, and was called by his name."



The same work gives a pedigree of eight generations, commencing with Wyon Maryons, of whom it is said, that he was a follower of *one* of the earls of Warren. Watson's statement, in his *History of Halifax*, p. 281, may well be compared with this. In the commencement of the Stansfeld pedigree, he writes:—

"The original of them, was one Wyan Maryons, *probably* of Norman extraction, and *in all likelihood* a follower of earl Warren, on whom this Lordship was bestowed."

The italics are ours, and it may be well to explain Watson's rather ambiguous statement. There is no doubt whatever, seeing the information, relating to the manor of Wakefield, and to the sub-manor of Stansfeld, contained in other pages of Watson's *History of Halifax*, and also in his MS. collections yet unpublished, that the concluding sentence, "on whom this Lordship was bestowed," refers to earl Warren, and not to Wyan Maryons.

The charter of Henry de Lacy, earl of Lincoln, to Oliver de Stansfeld, of the manor of Worsthorn, is as follows:—

"Omnibus &c. Henricus de Lacy, comes Lincolnie, salutem, &c. Nos concessisse &c. Olivero de Stanisfeud receptori nostri de Pontefracto, pro homagio et servicio suo, homagium et servicium totum Johannis de la Leye, de omnibus terris et tenementis, que de nobis tenuit, die confeccionis hujus scripti, in W'rsthorne; homagium &c. Henrici fil Gilberti de W'rsthorne, de omnibus terris &c.; homagium &c. Ade le Heir, de omnibus terris &c.; homagium &c. Ade le Spencer, de omnibus terris &c.; homagium Roberti filii Alexandri, de omnibus terris &c.; homagium &c. Will.



de Halstedes, Joh. de Windgill, Ric. fil. Henr., Tho. del Stocke, Ade Rudd, Jo: le Hunt, Ric. Strideovermore, Robert Fitel, Robt. Chapman, Ade de Bottedene, Elie fil Rogeri de Halstedes, Ade filii et heres Robt. Juste, Agnetis filie Rich. de Townley, Philippi de Clacton et Isabelle uxoris ejus, de hereditate dicte Isabelle uxoris ejus, Jo. de la Leye et Cecilie uxoris ejus, de hereditate dicte Cecilie, Gilberti de Bridtwisell de omnibus terris et tenementis, que de nobis tenuit per legem Anglie, de hereditate Ade filii sui, die confectionis hujus scripti, in Wrsthorne. Tenendum et habendum eidem Olivero et heredibus de Emma quondum uxore sua, et heredibus eorundem de nobis et heredibus nostris, in feodo et hereditate &c., reddendo inde annuatim jd. ad festum Sancti Egidii Abbatis, salvis tamen puturis debitis et consuetis servientibus et forestariis nostris es heredum nostrorum predictis tenentibus &c. Testibus, domino Will le Vavasoure, domino Jacobo de Nevill, domino Johanne de Hodilston, militibus; domino Will de Nony, domino Nicholao de Redings, clericis; Tho. de Fischburne, Alano de Smethetton et aliis. Data apud Pontemfractum, 7<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis, anno regni regis Edwardi primi Vicessimo [1292]."

Oliver de Stansfeld occurs as a witness, in a Norman-French charter of Henry de Lacy, to Henry de Briddeswisele, dated 15th October 1292, along with Sirs Milus de Stapelton, Joh. les Springs, Will. de Stepham, chevalers; Tho. de Fischeburne, Robt. de Hepehale, Will. de Heskayth and others. The following deeds also, with the above, appear in Whitaker's *Whalley*.

Ad. de Bilyngton gave to Galf. de Chaderton, land, &c. Witness, OLIVER DE STANSFELD, procurator of Whalley.

OLIVER DE STANESFELDE gave Wil. fil. meo et Mabilie, matri sue, a messuage cum edificis, in Bilyngton, and all his land and meadow, beginning ad le Holcloghheved, so to the land Bernard held, along Caldyr to Brokeholehirstesike, along the sike to Mulecornehurst brok, thence to le Grene riddinge, along that to the land of Joh. de Bilyngton, fratris dicte Mabilie, et sic sequendo juxta terram Johannis Glebedehirste, et sic inde sequendo Holclogheved, per medium Glebedekar; to be held de veris dominis feodo illis, paying them 2s. 6d. on 5th August. Dat. apud Whalleye, 24th October 1294.

The two following deeds of Oliver de Stansfeld, occur in C. Towneley's M.S., *Inquis. Lanc. Gentry* (A 5. 36), pp. 1110 and 1112, in the Chetham library, Manchester.

Sciant qd. ego Oliv'us de Stanesfeld confirmavi Johi filio Gilberti de la Legh et heredibus suis, unum messuagiu' et duas bovatas terri cum p'tinentiis suis, in villa de Worthestorne, et totam p'tem meam molendini de Worthestorne et omnia illa ten' redditus et servitia que habui infra p'd' villam de Worthestorne. Tenend p'd'to Johi de d'nis capitalibus illius fœdi faciendo d'nis capitalibus et eiusdem fœdi servitia consueta contra omnes homines et feminas imp'p'tun'. In testimoniu' Sigillu' meu' apposui. Hijs testibus, Symone de Alvetham, Gilberto de Briddestwesill, Rico de Merclesdene, clerico, Adam de la Ley chichar, Gilberto de la Ley, Johe de Whittaker, Ada' fabro de Clivicher, Gilberto de Ormerode, et alijs multis. Dat. apud Worthestorne, die Lune in crastino circumcisionis d'ni, anno gra' d'ni 1306.

[Abstract in English.]

OLIVER DE STANESFELD grants to John son of Gilbert de la Legh and his heirs, a messuage and two bovates of land, with their appurtenances, in the township of Worthestorne, and all his part in the mill and service &c. there, in customary fee. Witnesses, Symon de Alvetham, Gilbert de Briddestwesill, Richard de Merclesdene, clerk, Adam de la Ley chichar, Gilbert de la Ley, John de Whittaker, Adam the smith of Clivicher, Gilbert de Ormerode, and many others. Dated at Worthestorne, Monday 2nd January 1306.

Sciant qd. ego Oliv'us de Stanesfeild confirmavi Joh'ni filio Gilberti de la Legh, octo acras terre in villa de Clevacher tunc p'tin' suis iacentes in una inclusa in Schedene quas habui de dono Comit. tenend. p'd' Joh'ni faciendo d'no capitali fœdo servitia consueta contra omnes ho'ies et feminas imp'petuum. In testimonium sigillum meum apposui. Hijs testibus, Symone de Alvetham, Gilberto de Briddesteusil, Rico de Merclesdene, clerico, Adam de la Leye, Johne de Whitakre, Johne de Windul, Ada fabro de Clivachre, Gilberto de Ormerode, et alijs multis. Dat. apud Worthestorne secundo die Januarij Anno d'ni 1306.

[Abstract in English.]

OLIVER DE STANESFEILD confirms to John son of Gilbert de la Legh, 8 acres of land, in the township of Clivacher, with their appurtenances, in an enclosure in Schedene, which he had of the gift of the lord the earl. Witnesses, Symon de Alvetham, Gilbert de Briddesteusil, Richard de Merclesdene, clerk, Adam de la Leye, John de Whitakre, John de Windul, Adam the smith of Clivachre [Cliviger], Gilbert de Ormerode, and many others. Dated at Worthestorne, 2nd January 1306.

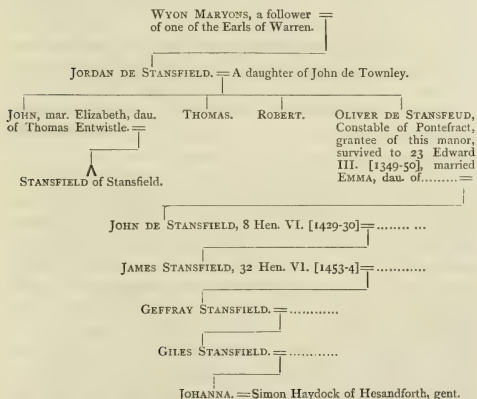
In the great de Lacy inquisition, taken after the death of the above-mentioned Henry de Lacy, A.D. 1311, the following items occur :—

BRUNELEY [Burnley]. There are certain Free Tenants, who hold divers Tenements, paying a Rent certain, every year at the Feast of St. Gyles. Amongst them are :—

OLIVER DE STANSFELD, for 50 acres of land, jd.

WORTHORN. OLIVER DE STAINESFELD held of the same Earl, the Hamlet of Worthorn, by the Homage and Service of jd.

The pedigree of this branch of the Stansfeld family, is given in Whitaker's *Whalley*, page 230, collected partly from Watson's *History of Halifax*, and partly from original authorities, belonging the author, as follows :—



The pedigree of the Haydocks, is carried down seven generations, from the above marriage, at page 176. On the same page, is mentioned a grant from Robert de Swillington [Billington?] to Oliver de Stansfeld of land, described in a former deed as :—

All that Ralph, son of Norman, had granted, viz., 40 acres which Henry the clerk of Bronley formerly held, between the rivulet, flowing through the midst of Bronley, and the field called Saxifield, saving to John de Lacy, *domino suo*, his right of forest and venison.

These are the 40 acres held by Oliver de Stansfeld, at the Lacy inquisition in 1311; and as both this and his other possession, the manor, &c., of Worsthorn, have been traced to him, it is readily seen how likely it is, that he was a younger son of some family, in another great fee, and that he was the first, to found a family of Stansfeld, under the Lacies. In the charter of Henry de Lacy, dated 7th April 1292, it is shewn that Oliver de Stansfeld was a widower, or married a second time; as the manor of Worsthorn was settled on the heirs of him and Emma, his late wife. And it is not unlikely, that she was the daughter and heiress of a previous lord of Worsthorn. Another deed, already quoted, gives us the name of the second wife of Oliver de Stansfeld; who had, by her, a son, William de Stansfeld, on whom he settled, along with his mother, certain property therein described. She is therein called Mabell, sister of John de Bilyngton.

As to the arms borne by Oliver de Stansfeld, there is no record. The cross fleury on his tombstone, may be but a christian emblem, and as to the likelihood of that, the reader may judge for himself, from the representation given. But the font of Burnley church contains a shield, bearing: A goat passant, belled at the neck. On the south side of the church, also, there are two carved stones; one bearing the arms of Townley, and the other the goat passant to the sinister. The font at Haslingden church, contains the same coat, along with that of Townley and others. It also occurred upon the chantry priests' house, at the west end of the churchyard at Burnley, and was ascribed, by Dr. Whitaker, to Gateford.

In the list of monks of Whalley abbey, appears the name of:—

Fr. Robertus Stanfield ob. pr. non. Nov. 1339.

That is, brother Robert Stanfield, died 4th November 1339. As Oliver de Stansfeld was then living, and the pedigree shews him to have had a brother, Robert, this would probably be the same. The title of Oliver, as procurator of Whalley, and his position generally, under Henry de Lacy, earl of Lincoln, the great benefactor of that house, considerably increases the likelihood.

## II.—JOHN DE STANSFELD DE WORSTHORN.

According to the pedigree, Oliver de Stansfeld had issue, by his first wife, Emma, John de Stansfeld, who is said to have lived or died 8th Henry VI. [1429-30]. The pedigree makes no mention of Mabell Billington, his second wife, by whom he had a son, William de Stansfeld. The great interval between 1350 and 1430, the dates ascribed, respectively, to the deaths of Oliver and John de Stansfeld, suggests that a generation is omitted in the pedigree. This conjecture is borne out by the following deeds, relating to Worsthorn, in which John, son and heir of Richard, occurs in 1397.

*Christopher Towneley's MS. A 5, 36, pp. 1161 and 1116.* Sciant qd. &c. Ego JOHANNES DE STAINESFELD filius et heres RIC1 DE STANNESFELD, remiss. Roberto Hoppay et heredibus suis, totum ius meum quod habeo in omnibus illis terris et ten. cum p'tin., que idem Robertus Hoppay habet de feofumento p'd. RIC1 DE STANESFELD patris mei, in villa et in territoriis de Worsthorne, que idem Ricus pater meus prius habuit de feofumento Alicie quondam uxoris Joh'is Rudde, et Alicie filie eiusdem Joh'nis Rudde, in eadem villa et Territorijs de Worsthorne, contra omnes gentes. In testimonium sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Joh'ne de Towneley, Richardo de Habringham, Rogero de Bancrofte, Johne Haliday, Adam de Walshan, Johanne le Clerk, et alijs. Dat. apud Brunlay, die d'nica proxim. post festum pasche, anno Rici secundo, vicesimo [1397].

[Abridgment in English.]

JOHN DE STAINESFELD, son and heir of RICHARD DE STANNESFELD, releases to Robert Hoppay and his heirs, all right he has in the lands and tenements in Worsthorn, which the said Robert Hoppay has of the feoffment of his father,

RICHARD DE STANSFELD, and which the last named previously had of Alice, late wife, and Alice, daughter, of John Rudde. Witnesses, John de Towneley, Richard de Habringham, Roger de Bancrofte, John Haliday, Adam de Walshan, John the clerk and others. Dated at Burnley, first Sunday after Easter, 20th Richard II. [1397].

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Condicō istius obligationis talis est qd. si supr. obligatus JOH'NES STANESFELD et filii sui steterint arbitrio Willi Mirfeld et Thurstani Banastr, arbitratore de p'te dict. Johis Stanesfeld, et Henrici Sothell et Walteri Calveley, arbitratore ex p'te Hugonis Hesketh et d'ci Johnis Towneley, elect. de et sup' iure titulo cuiusdem placei terre vocat. Bradley in Hapton. Necnon de et sup' omnimodis accōinbus. inter p'fat Johem Stanesfeld et filios suos ex p'te una, et d'cos Hugonem et Johem Towneley ex p'te altera, tunc p'sens obligatio pro nullo hēatur.

[Abridgment in English.]

JOHN STANESFIELD and his sons, are bound to accept the decision of William Mirfield and Thurstan Banastre, arbitrators for his part, and of Henry Sothell and Walter Calveley, on the part of Hugh Hesketh and John Towneley, respecting the title to Bradley in Hapton. No date.

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### III.—JAMES STANSFELD.

JAMES STANSFELD, called the grandson of Oliver, in Whitaker's pedigree, but more probably further removed, is mentioned in connection with a dispute with the Townleys, respecting his manorial rights ; which was settled by an award, in his favour, made by Sir Thomas Stanley, father of the first earl of Derby. He also occurs in the following deed, which is a bond for the payment of £300 to John Towneley, esquire, the parties being James Stansfeld of Burnley, senior, Geoffrey Stansfeld of Burnley, William Orell, John Holcroft and Robert Becamshawe, gentlemen :—

*C. Towneley's MS. p. 1111.* Nou'rint vniu'si p' p'sentes nos JACOBUM STANSFELD de Brunley sen. gen. (sic) GALFRID. STANSFELD de Brunley gen, Willm. Orell gen. Johem Holcroft gen. et Robtu' Becanshawe gen. firmiter obligari Johni Towneley, Armigero, in trecentis libris Sterlingor' Solvend' eidem Joh'ni Towneley firmiter

p' p'sentes sigillis n'ris signat. Dat. in crastino Sci. Lawrentii, anno Henrici sexti post conquestu' tricesimo primo. [11th August, 1453.]

The Wakefield court roll also records, in 1424:—

Turn at Halifax. William Smyth, late of Sowerby, and JAMES STANSFELD of Burnley, presented for an assault, made last Autumn, on Richard Mawd, the greave.

The mention of the word, senior, in the above bond in 1453, implies that there was a James Stansfeld junior, who probably was a younger son, unmentioned in the pedigree.

#### IV.—GEOFFREY STANSFELD.

GEOFFREY STANSFELD, son and heir of James Stansfeld, occurs in a bond dated 1453, along with his father, already given; and also in the marriage settlement of his son Giles, which will be given in full afterwards. In connection with the award, made by Sir Thomas Stanley, the following deed occurs in C. Towneley's MS. p. 1105:—

Pateat vniversis p' presentes me GALFRIDUM filium JACOBI STANSFELD, recepisce de Johne Towneley, Armigero, quinq' marcas p'cell quadragint' libraru', p' Thomam Stanley tunc militem arbitrat. in festo Omnium Sanctorum, de quibus fateor me fore solut' dict' q' Joh'em inde acquiet p' presentes. Sigillo meo signat. Dat. in festo Omniu' Sanctoru', anno Henrici sexti post conquestu', tricesimo quinto. [1456.]

[Abstract in English.]

Receipt for five marks by GEOFFREY son of JAMES STANSFELD, from John Towneley, esquire, a portion of £40, awarded by Sir Thomas Stanley, arbitrator. Dated All Saints' Day, 35th Henry VI. [1456].

The same MS., p. 1141, contains the following extract from an *Inquisitio post mortem*:—

GALFRIDUS STANSFEILD de Haysandforth Anno 15 H. 7. Tenuit manerium de H. de rege ut de ducat. Lanc. p' servitium militare, valent p' ann. 6li, et Johanna filia Egidij, filii p'd' Galfridi, est consanguineus et heres dicti Galfridi, et fuit ætatis 2 annorum.

[Translation.]

Geoffrey Stansfeld of Haysandforth, in the 15th year of king Henry VII. [1499-1500] held the manor of H. of the king, as of his duchy of Lancaster, by knight service, of the value of £6 per annum, and Jane, daughter of Giles, son of the before-mentioned Geoffrey, is the blood relative and heiress of the said Geoffrey, and is of the age of two years.

In a MS. book of sketch pedigrees from inquisitions, &c., made by Christopher Towneley, in the possession of John E. Bailey, F.S.A., of Stretford, the following occurs on page 75, No. 189:—

GALFRID STANSFELD =  
de Hesanford, ob. 15 H7. |  
|  
GILES his sonne. =  
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JOHANN dau. and heir. = SYMON HAYDOCKE of Hazanford.

#### V.—GILES STANSFELD.

GILES STANSFELD, son and heir of Geoffrey Stansfeld, married ISABELLA, natural daughter of Lawrence Townley and Matilda Suthworth, *circa* 1485; as the following marriage settlement, in the possession of William Ecroyd of Lomeshaye, shews:—

Sciunt p'sentes et futuri qd. nos Dni. Bern'dus Tounley et Rob'tus Boys Capellani dedimus concessimus et hac p'sent' Cart. n'ra Indent. confirmavimus Isabelle Tounley fil. Laurencii Tounley Armig'i alias dict. Isabell filie Matelde Suthworth, duo Claus' et omia t'ras p't' et boscos et pastur. cū suis ptiñs que nup. h'uim' ex dono et feoffamento GALFRIDI STANSFELD in villa de Brunley in Com' Lanc prout plenis patet in Cart' sua inde nobis fact. H'end et tenend. p'dict' duo Claus' et omia terr. prat. bosc' et pastur. p'dict cū suis ptiñs in villa et com' p'dict p'fat Isabelle et Assignat. suis ad t'minū vite sue, libere quiete et pacifice de Capit'li d'no feod. illius p s'vicia inde debet et de jure consuet. Ita qd. post mortē ip'ius Isabelle p'dict duo Claus' et omia p'dict ter' p't bosci et past. cū suis ptiñs integre remaneant EGIDIO STANSFELDE filio et hered. p'fat Galfridi et hered. de corē ip'ius Egidii leg'ie p'creat. H'end. et tenend. omia p'dict. Claus' terr' pt. bosc' et past'as cū suis ptiñs



in villa et Com' p'dict lib'e quiete et pacifice p'fat Egidio et hered. suis de corpore suo leg'ie p'creat. de Capit'li d'no feod. illius p'servicia inde debit et de jure consuet. Imppetuū. Et si contingat p'dict Egidiu obire sine hered. de cor' suo leg'ie p'creat tūc volum' et concedim' qd p'dict duo clausa et omia p'dict terr. p'ta bosci et paste cū suis ptīns integr remaneant rect. hered. p'dict Galfridi. H'end. et tenend. p'dict duo clausa cū suis ptīn' eiisdem recte hered. lib'e quiete et pacifice de Capit'li d'no feod. illi' p's'uicia inde debit et de iure consuet. Imp. pm. Et nos vero p'fat d'ni Bern'dus et Robt' p'dict duo clausa et omia p'dict terr' p'ta boscos et past'as cū suis ptins. in villa et Com' p'dict p'dict. Isabelle et assign' suis ad t'minu vite sue necnon p'dict Egidio et hered. de cor' suo leg'ie p'creat. ac etiam rect. hered. p'fat. Galfridi in forma p'dict. Warantizabim' et cont. omēs gentes defendem' Imp. pm. P'uiso semp. qd. si contingat qd. aliquod deuorciū. in futur' H'eat' int. p'dict. Egidiu et Isabellam post matrimoniu int. eosd̄m h'it et solemnizat. Causa deuorcii crescent et execut. ex p'te p'fat Isabelle quo p'dict mat'moniū ad nullu' casset. et judicialit' p'nullo heat' extūc volumus qd. p'sens statū et seūna inde libat' vacuū sit et nulli' valoris et eff'cus alioqu'in in sua robore p'sen'et et virtute. In cui' rei testimo' huic Cart' n're indentat Sigill. nrā apposum's hīs testib' Ricō Shirburn milite Rico Banast. de Altham Rogero Nowell nup. de Reved. armig'is et multis aliis. Dat nono die Septembris Anno regni Regis Henrici septimi post conquestū Angli. primo. [1485.]

[Translation.]

Know ye all present and to come, that we, Sir Bernard Tounley and Sir Robert Boys, chaplains, have given, granted, and by this our present charter, indented, have confirmed to Isabella Tounley, daughter of Laurence Tounley, esquire, otherwise called Isabella daughter of Matilda Suthworth, two closes and all lands, meadows and woods and pastures, with their appurtenances, which we late had, from the gift and infeoffment of GEOFFREY STANSFELDE, in the town of Brunley, in the county of Lancaster, as more plainly appears in his charter thereof, made unto us. To have and to hold the aforesaid two closes, and all lands, meadows, woods and pastures, aforesaid, with their appurtenances, in the town and county aforesaid, to the aforesaid Isabella and her assigns, for the term of her life, freely, quietly and peaceably, of the chief lord of that fee, by the services thereof due and of right accustomed. So that after the death of the said Isabella, the aforesaid two closes, and all the aforesaid lands, meadows, woods, and pastures with their appurtenances, shall remain entirely to GILES STANSFELD, son and heir of

the aforesaid Geoffrey, and the heirs of the body of the said Giles, lawfully begotten, &c. To have and to hold, &c.

And if it shall happen, that the aforesaid Giles die without heir of his body lawfully begotten, then we will and grant, that the aforesaid two closes, and all the aforesaid lands, meadows, woods, and pastures, with their appurtenances, shall remain entirely to the right heirs of the aforesaid Geoffrey.

And we also, the aforesaid Sirs Bernard and Robert, will warrant and defend, against all persons, for ever, the aforesaid two closes, and all the aforesaid lands, meadows, woods, and pastures, with their appurtenances, in the town and county aforesaid, to the aforesaid Isabella and her assigns, for the term of her life; also to the aforesaid Giles, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; and also to the right heirs of the aforesaid Geoffrey, in form aforesaid. Provided always, that if it shall happen, that any divorce hereafter be had, between the aforesaid Giles and Isabella and after the marriage between the same had been solemnized, by reason of the divorce, and executed on the part of the aforesaid Isabella, by which the aforesaid marriage be annulled, broken and judicially be of none effect, then we will, that the present estate, and seisin thereof delivered, be void, and of no value and effect, otherwise let it continue in full force and virtue. In witness whereof, to this our charter indented, we have set our seals, these being witnesses, Richard Shirburne, knight, Richard Banaster of Altham, Roger Nowell late of Reved, esquire, and many others. Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the first year of the reign of King Henry vij<sup>th</sup> after the Conquest of England. [1485.]

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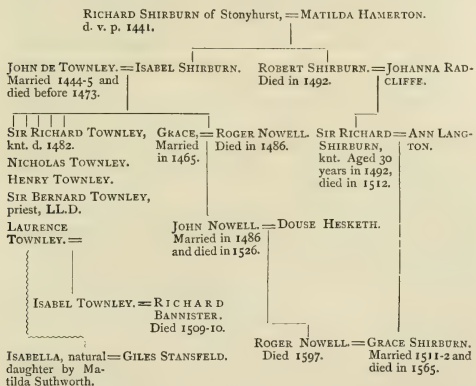
NOTE.—The appendage for the seal, is a strip of parchment, evidently from some older deed, on which is written :—

Nov'rint univ'rsi p'p'sentes nos Galtridum Stansfelde de le haysandfr.

Lawrence Townley, the father of Isabella, was one of the five sons of John de Townley, who joined together, in a deed of release, in 1474. He was the founder of the Barnside branch of the family, and, along with his next brother, Nicholas, the first of the Townleys of Royle, was executor of his father's will. The Sir Bernard de Townley, one of the parties to the deed, was another brother, the fifth, and was rector of Wigan in Lancashire, vicar of Felkirk, co. York, and LL.D. The eldest brother

was Sir Richard Townley, knight, who died in September, 1482. Their mother was Isabella, daughter of Richard Shirburn of Stonyhurst. Sir Richard Shirburn, knight, was her nephew. Roger Nowell, who died in 1486, married Grace, the sister of the five brothers above mentioned, and therefore a cousin of Sir Richard Shirburn. Another Roger Nowell, the grandson of the above, and half-brother of the celebrated scholars, Alexander and Laurence Nowell, married Grace, daughter of Sir Richard Shirburn. Richard Banaster de Altham, the third witness, married Isabel, the legitimate daughter of Laurence Townley of Barnside. Sir Robert Boys, chaplain, would, no doubt, be the curate of Burnley.

The following sketch best explains the relationship of the persons named :—



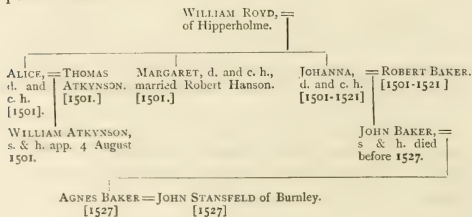
Whitaker's *History of Whalley*, 4th Edit. p. 476, makes Isabel, who married John de Townley, the daughter of Robert Shirburn; but as she is elsewhere stated to be the daughter of Richard, and this best fits in with the dates, it is so represented.

Giles Stansfeld died in the lifetime of his father, leaving a daughter, Johanna, who was aged two years, at her grandfather's death, in 1499-1500. She married Simon Haydock of Hesand-forthe, who died in 1568. She died in 1562. Whether Geoffrey had any other son besides Giles, is not recorded, but the following deeds are in the possession of John Lister, M.A., of Shibden Hall, Halifax. The property involved is the Hill Top estate, in the township of Hipperholme:—

1527. September 25th. Release by JOHN STANSFELD of the parish of Burnley, co. Lanc. and AGNES his wife, daughter of John Baker deceased, to Henry Ferrou of Eawood, Edmund Fayrbanke senior, Robert Brighthouse and John Scolfeld, and their assigns, of their right &c. in all and singular lands, messuages, tenements in Hyprom and Lightcliff, which the said Henry, Edmund, Robert and John have and occupy separately, and which they lately bought of Robert Baker and Johanna his wife, by certain sums of money paid to Robert and Alice (*sic* but query?) Baker, and John, their son and heir. Given at Heptonstall. Witnesses, John Naler, cap., WILLM. STANSFELD, RIC. STANSFELD, Ranulph Newall, Thomas Naler and others.

By deed of same date, JOHN STANSFELD of Burnley, and AGNES his wife, acknowledge receipt of four marks, in consideration of above. Witnesses, John Nayler, chaplain, WM. STANSFELDE, RICHARD STANSFELDE his brother, Ranulph Newall, Robert Ferrou, son of William Ferrou, and others.

From other deeds, relating to the same estate, the following sketch is drawn, illustrating the connection of John Stansfeld and the Bakers, and shewing the dates when the different persons occur.





## CHAPTER XIV.

### THE STANSFELDS OF WADSWORTH.

**E**ARLY in the pedigree, a few generations can be traced from the younger son, Nicholas, of Thomas Stansfeld of Higginchamber, who made his will 11th October 1564, bequeathing to him, amongst others, a messuage and lands called Wadsworth Royd, of which he stood seised in fee simple.

NICHOLAS STANSFELD, as above, married AGNES, named in his will, as follows :—

*Vol. xxij. folio 673a.* Dated 14th February and proved 19th March 1587-8.

NICHOLAS STANSFEILD of Wadsworth Roid, yeoman, after reciting that his brothers, LAURENCE and THOMAS, had for their lives, £5 annuity, according to a deed of his father, THOMAS STANSFEILD, deceased, and of him ; bequeathed Wadsworth Roid (freehold) for 9 years, to bring up his children. His wife, AGNES, was to have governance, and if any child would not stay, it was to have £3 a year, towards its keep. Then Wadsworth Roid, to go to younger sons, LUKE and CHARLES STANSFEILD and heirs male. His daughters, GRACE and MARY, were to have all messuages &c. in Stansfield (afterwards called Langfield), for 7 years, then to eldest son and heir, ABRAHAM STANSFEILD, and his heirs for ever.

He sold Hollinrake Holm, 22nd April 1586, to Anthony Crosley of Scaitcliff, see Foster's *Lancashire Pedigrees*, under that family. His widow is named in the will of his youngest son, Charles Stansfeld, with whom she resided, dated 4th January 1612-3. She is the defendant in the following curious proceedings :—

*Duchy of Lancaster. Calendar to Pleadings, Vol. cvj. H 27.* 31st Elizabeth [1589]. John Hopkinson, William Wadesworthe and ors. against AGNES STANSFELD, in right of Robert, earl of Leicester, Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, and Henry Savile. Land and Stoppage of Way to the Moors and Commons, through Broadloyne Hey, and divers Lands and Tents. Sowerby, Wakefield Manor, Heptonstall, Sowerby Chapel, Sowerby Greaveship, Hipperholme, Raistrick, Holmfrith, &c. &c.

This bill is dated the 28th of January 1588, and filed by John Hopkinson the elder, John Hopkinson the younger, William Wadesworthe, and Lawrens Harryson of Sowerby, York. Setting forth, that the Queen was lawfully seised, in her demeane as of fee, in right of Her Highness' Duchy of Lancaster, "Of and upon the mores, wastes and comons of Sowerby, and a parcel of ground called Broadloyne, upon one close of arrable and pasture ground, of the said William Waddesworth, throughout which said parcel of ground, called Broadloyne, one heighe and usuall way hath bene, tyme o<sup>t</sup> of mynde, used at all tymes in the yeare, for all manner of persons, as well on horsebake as on [foote], with all manner of cartes and carrages, to goe and passe at their pleasure, between the town of Heptonstall, and the Chappell of Sowerby in Yorke.

And whereas one AGNES STANSFELD, widdowe, did heartofore intrude upon Her Ma<sup>ties</sup> said wastes, of and in the said p'cell of ground, called Broadloyne, beinge a heighe way, and also p'cell of the said wastes and mores in Sowerby, aforesaid, whearin the Quenes Ma<sup>ties</sup> Coppihoulders of Sowerby, aforesaid, had common, and did not only take upp the Cawsey heighe way of Stonne, in the same beinge, but also inclosed the same p'cell of ground, called Broadloyne, with stonn walles, at bothe thends thearof, whearby the said way was not passable, nor to be used, as the same had allwayes before that tyme bene, to the great p'judice and anoyans of yo<sup>r</sup> said orators, and of all such as had occasion to Travell betwene Heptonstall and Sowerby Chappell, as aforesaid, whearupon some of yo<sup>r</sup> said orators, did at seu'all tymes, in quiete mann<sup>r</sup> by one of them at once, seu'ally enter in the said p'cell of ground, and then and theare, in lyke quiete mann<sup>r</sup> did pull down some smale p'cells of the said walles, whearw<sup>th</sup> the said AGNES STANSFELD had so stopped up the said heighe way, as aforesaid.

And theareupon one ABRAHAM STANSFEILD, sonne of the said AGNES STANSFEILDE, did in, or not longe before, the monethe of September last past, in the thirtieth yeare of the Quenes Ma<sup>ties</sup> raigne that nowe ys, by his garden and tutor, Willm. Sutcliffe of

Earington, in the said Countie, exhibite a bill of compl<sup>te</sup>, before the Councell established in the northe ptes., against the said John Hopkinson the yonger, Willm. Waddesworthe and Lawrens Harryson, three of yo<sup>r</sup> said orators. Supposinge thearby, that one NICH'AS STANSFELD, beinge lawfully seised in fee, of and in, one roode of lande, w<sup>th</sup> one litle Turffehouse, thearupon builded, w<sup>th</sup> th'app'tennce, scituate, lyeinge, and beinge w<sup>th</sup>in the graveshipp of Sowerby, aforesaid, died thearof so seised. And that by, and after his deathe, the said p'misses descended and came unto the said ABRAHAM STANSFELD, as his sonne and nexte heire. And that by and after his deathe, the said Abraham, by his said garden and tutor, Willm. Sutcliffe, entred into the said p'mises, and was thearof lawfully seised in fee, accordingly. And further, by the same bill, supposed that the said John Hopkinson the yonger, Willm. Waddesworthe and Lawrens Harryson, three of yo<sup>r</sup> said orators, did, the fyfenthe, sixtenthe and twentethe dayes of June, then laste past, upon ev'y of the same seu'all daies, beinge very unlawfully weaponed, riotously enter in the said roode of lande, and upon ev'y of the said seu'all dayes, in riotouse and unlawfull mann<sup>r</sup> with axes, shovells, and such lyke enggynes, did most unlawfully pull downe and destroy some pte. of the said walls and fences, wheare w<sup>th</sup> the said roode of land was inclosed." Viz :—

On the 15<sup>th</sup> half a rood, 16<sup>th</sup> a rood, 20<sup>th</sup> five roods of walls, or thereabouts, whereby the same ABRAHAM STANSFIELD had lost in damage, £10. The Defts. pleaded not guilty, and denied that there was any such roode of land, with such Turfe house builded, in the graveship of Sowerby, whereof NICHOLAS STANSFIELD, father of Abraham, died seised of; but that the Complt. meant to charge them, with entry on the p'cell of land called Broadloyne, adjoining a close of arable &c. of William Waddesworth, which was parcel of the wastes of the Queen's, and the highway throughout such, had been used by all persons.

The bill is part missing, but the substance of the remainder is, that the said AGNES STANSFIELD stopped up the right of way between Heptonstall and Sowerby Chapel. Hence the suit in right of Robert, earl of Leicester, Sir Thomas Gargrave, K<sup>t</sup>, and Henry Savile.

Agnes Stansfeld paid 4s. subsidy, in 1603, for thirty shillings value in land, &c., in Wadsworth, and the like sum in 1610. Her burial is recorded, under date 12th September 1627, in

Heptonstall registers. In her will, made 19th June 1627, and proved 1st May 1628, she mentions her son, Abraham, her daughter-in-law, Alice, and her grand-children, Abraham and Charles, children of her late son, Charles Stansfeld.

Mary, daughter of Nicholas Stansfeld, married 28th August 1602, William Thomas of Broadbotham. The following is an abstract of his will :—

*Vol. xxxiv. folio 548a.* Dated 20th March 1614-5, proved 20th May 1617.

William Thomas, of Broadbotham in Wadsworth, yeoman, bequeathed a messuage in Upper Cragg, in Erringden park, to his son, Richard, and reversion to his daughters, Grace and Mary. The tuition of his son, he left to his brother-in-law, ABRAHAM STANSFELD of Hamer, whom he also constituted his sole executor ; of his daughter, Mary, to his brother-in-law, Richard Lister, Maister of Artes, preacher of God's word ; and of his daughter, Grace, to Jonas Binnes of Horbury, yeoman.

Abraham, Luke and Charles Stansfeld occur in the will of Sarah Waterhouse, in 1592, mentioned on page 144 ; and also, along with their sister, Mary, in that of Margaret Dickson, dated 1599, already given on page 143. Grace and Luke Stansfeld are not named in their mother's will, in 1627 ; probably they both predeceased her. Luke Stansfeld was buried, 23 March 1606-7.

ABRAHAM STANSFELD, son and heir of Nicholas, married Alice, daughter of Richard Gibson. He is mentioned, evidently a minor, in the legal proceedings against his mother, already given. His name occurs in a list of king's rents, in 1608, as paying 4s., compounded for £3 10s. 0d., for a messuage in Blackwood Quarter of Sowerby, called Higginchamber ; and again, in 1624, in a list of graves of Sowerby, for the same messuage, as already mentioned on page 152. He also occurs in his father-in-law's will, as follows :—

*Vol. xxxv. folio 501a.* Dated 24th May 1614, proved 10th November 1619.

Richard Gibson, of the Shay in Langfield, yeoman, bequeathed Horswood, for life, to his wife, Mary ; 10s. as a legacy, to his daughter, ALICE, wife of ABRAHAM STANSFELD, who had had £ 180



already; and to his daughter, Grace, wife of Thomas Brooke, who had already had £120, £10 additional; to the children of Thomas Brooke and Grace, his wife, £20. He ordained Richard Gibson, his sonne, p'son of Marton, and John Gibson, another son, joint executors.

His own will was made 19th January 1638, and proved the 4th March 1645.

I ABRAHAM STANSFELD of Hamer, in the county of Lancaster, yeoman, make my last will &c. Debts &c. to be paid. I give unto ALICE, my wife, a third part of all my goodes &c. To ABRAHAM, my son, one fether bedd &c. Item, I give him one great chist, standing in the high chamber &c. All the residue of my goods and chattells, unto my second son, JAMES STANSFELD. I make ABRAHAM, my son, full executor.

CHARLES STANSFELD, younger son of Nicholas Stansfeld of Wadsworth Royd, inherited that place, under his father's will, in 1587. He was one of the supervisors, in the will of Matthew Sutcliffe of Hoochoyle, in Ayringden, yeoman, dated 20th August 1612. His name occurs, as paying 2s. 5d. for a messuage and lands in Warley, in a list of king's rents, dated 26th November 1608. He was buried 18th January 1612-3. The following is his will :—

*Vol. xxxiiij. folio 214b.* Dated 4th January 1612-3, proved 3rd August 1614.

CHARLES STANSFIELD of Waidworth, yeoman, bequeathed to his son and heir apparent, ABRAHAM, and his heirs male, the messuage with houses, lands &c. in Wadsworth, in his occupation, and that of his mother, AGNES STANSFIELD, except a close called the Holme, a house and barn, and the little croft in which they stand, and a little close called the Poake, paying to wife's child, if she conceive, £100. In default of heirs male, to next heir male of testator, wheresoever found, and his heirs male for ever, paying £200 to a daughter, if testator have one. To his wife, SUSAN, half of his goods. He appointed his brother, ABRAHAM STANSFIELD, his executor.

Abraham Stansfeld, his eldest son, baptised 27th April 1610, occurs amongst the helps, in a list of greaves of Sowerby, in 1624, and paid 2s. 5d. for a messuage in Warley, called Blackwall.

The child unborn, provided for in the will, was evidently a son, Charles, baptised 6th June, 1613, and named in his grandmother's will in 1627, and buried 1st July 1636.

Abraham Stansfeld and Henry Stansfeld were mentioned in the will of Henry Cockroft of Burlees, dated 6th July 1657, as being tenants of Burleecar, Nelcarr lands, or of Soughes in Wadsworth.





JAMES STANSFIELD, of Shore, in Stansfield; probat. younger son of JOHN STANSFIELD of Croft-house, whose will was dated 2 September 1663. Married November 1625, and died at Shore in February 1663. "Sepultus fuit in agro suo ibidem," on the 25th.

ABRAHAM. Baptised 9 Dec. 1627, & died a prisoner in York Castle, 18 Oct. 1669.

SUSAN. Baptised 31 Jan. 1629-30, & died 5 Jan. 1672-3, buried in James Stansfield's ground.

MARTHA. Baptised 12 April 1635.

DEBORA. Baptised 25 Sept. 1637, and died 3 Dec. 1669.

JOHN. Baptised 9 Feb. 1639-40, died 22 Aug. 1685, or 8 July 1697, and buried in his own ground at Shore or Shewbroad.

LYNN. Baptised 1 Aug. 1641, in Jan. 1698.

MARY. Married 17 May 1690. A widow in 1738, of Top o' th' Ashenhirst.

= JOHN BARKER.

MARTHA. Born 10th Oct. 1667, married in 1688.

= THOMAS SUTCLIFFE.

ABRAHAM. Born 13th Nov. 1670.

MARY. Died 16 August 1784.

JOHN STANSFIELD, of Grindstone Bank, in Ovenden. Born 23 Jan. 1676, married in 1733, died 11 and buried 16 May 1762, at Halifax.

DEBORAH MAUD. Died 31 July, and buried 2 Aug. 1774, aged 77.

JUDITH. Born 29 April 1734, married 4 Nov. 1756.

= JOHN PRIESTLEY.

JOSHUA STANSFIELD, of Boo 1760, Grindstone Bank in 1 Hand Green in Warley, while in 1789 and 1806. Born 6th married in 1766, died 9 and April 1806.

MARY SLATER. First wife, married 22nd Sept. 1791.

= JOHN STANSFIELD, of Lothersdale, in Craven, co. York. He is called of Hand Green in 1795. Confined in York Castle, for non-payment of tithes; and also imprisoned in Lancaster Castle, at the same time as the poet Montgomery. Born 29 Jan. 1767, died 13 Feb. 1813.

SARAH ARMISTEAD. Second wife. Married 24th June 1811. D.S.P.

ELIZABETH. Born 16 March 1761, married 15 Feb. 1792, & died 1 Feb. 1838.

= JOHN THORP, of Leeds. Died 10 Sept. 1817.

DEBORAH. Born 16 Oct. 1770. Married 14 Jan. 1802, and died 12 March 1847.

= RICHARD WILKINS. Died 20 May 1818.

Issue, 5 sons and 2 daughters, and 31 grand-children.

Issue, 3 sons and 1 daughter, and 17 grand-children.

SLATER STANSFIELD, of Lothersdale. Born 3rd Nov. 1792, married 1 July 1818.

= JANE FREYER. Died 17 Sept. 1855.

JOHN STANSFIELD, of Lothersdale and Halifax. Born 28 March 1794, married 22 July 1817, & died 7 June 1853.

= MARY HALL.

WILLIAM, of Lothersdale. Born 10 Dec. 1796, married 15 Jan. 1852. D.S.P.

= ELIZABETH HINCHCLIFFE.

ELIZA. Born 22 Dec. 1798, married 20th April 1825, and died 11 Nov. 1829.

= BENJAMIN ECROVID, of Halifax, conveyancer. He married again, & died 23 May 1857.

A daughter.

JOHN SLATER STANSFIELD, of Lothersdale. Born 10 May 1819, married 6th Dec. 1843.

= SARAH WALKER.

THOMAS. Born 6 Nov. 1820, and died unmarried 10 June 1846.

ELIZA. Born 26 Apl. 1822, married 28th August 1851, and died 22 Jan. 1858.

= FREDERICK GRAVELEY.

EDWARD STANSFIELD. Born 5 March 1855.

Issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.

FREDERICK STANSFIELD, of Bradford, corn miller. Born 17 June 1844.

JOHN STANSFIELD, of Rawdon. Born 29th March 1818, married 12 Dec. 1860.

= MARGARET PARKER.

MARY STANSFIELD. Born 11 April 1818, and married 14 July 1843.

CHARLES EDWARD STANSFIELD. Born 8 July 1865.

MARY HANNAH.

FRANCES ELIZA.

MARGARET.

# rsdale and Halifax.

CROSLY. Died a prisoner in York Castle, 1669.

CHARLES. Baptised 13 Feb. 1644-5, died 4 April 1685 and buried in their own ground at Shore.  
JAMES STANSFIELD, of Mankinholes. Died 20 Jan. 1699.  
= MARY. Died in 1714.  
A son, born 18 Jan. 1653-4.  
RICHARD. Born 30 Aug. 1654.

JUDETH. = JOSHUA STANSFIELD, = HANNAH. JONATHAN, of Hartley Royd in Stansfield. Born a twin, 25 Sept. 1683, died 16 Oct. 1728, & buried either at Shore or Shewbroad.  
Buried 27 Oct. 1721. Born 4th April 1681.  
JONAS STANSFIELD. Born twin with Jonathan, 25 Sept. 1683, died 10 April 1758, & buried at Shore. Probably the ancestor of the Stansfields of Ewood & Todmorden, see that pedigree.  
SUSANNAH. Born 24 July 1721.  
GEORGE STANSFIELD, of Rodwell-end in Stansfield, died 28 Feb. 1749, and buried at Shewbroad in Langfield.

ZABETH HALSTEAD. Died 12 and buried 17 July, 1821, aged 79.  
ESTHER. Born 16 Jan. 1736-7.  
ANN. Born 6 May 1738, and died 28 Mar. 1739.

JOSHUA. Born 25th Aug. 1774, married 8 Sept. 1812, died 9th June 1837, s.p.  
= TABITHA ECROVD. Died 16 Feb. 1833.  
JUDITH. Born 8 June 1779, married in 1799, and died 17 June 1843.  
= ROBERT SUTCLIFFE, of Halifax, wool stapler. Died 2 July 1832.  
MARGARET HALL. First wife, married 22 August 1815, and died 6 June 1821.  
= CALEB STANSFIELD. Born 21st May, 1784, and died 16th Sept. 1854.  
= KATHERINE THORP. Second wife, married 18 Feb. 1824.

Issue, 4 sons and 2 daughters, and 16 grand-children.

D. of = E. DIXON. DEBORAH. = THOMAS PARKINSON, of Bradford, died 13 Oct. 1832.  
Male. She married, 2ndly, Wm. Ecroyd of Lomeshaye. 1827, & died 3 June 1841.  
Born 13 Mar. 1805, married 19 Sept. 1827, & died 13 June 1841.  
ELIZABETH. = JAMES DIXON. Born 23 Mar. 1818, married 14 June 1843.  
MARGARET. Born 29 June 1820, married 13 Jan. 1851, and died 22 Sept. 1873.  
THOMAS CHARLES WHITEHEAD, of Halifax.

A son and a daughter.

SARAH E. HOYLAND. SARAH COOR STANSFIELD. BORN 24 DEC. 1834. MARY ANN STANSFIELD. BORN 6 DEC. 1832.

LISA STANSFIELD. STANSFIELD.

WILSON, HALL STANSFIELD, of North Park and Park House Halifax, woolstapler. Born 8th Jan. 1824, married 12 Aug. 1853.  
= PHOEBE STANSFIELD. Born 24 Dec. 1824.

KATHERINE STANSFIELD. = EDMUND FARRAR. JOHN WILLIAM STANSFIELD. MARY STANSFIELD. ARTHUR STANSFIELD.  
Born 31 July 1855, married 7 May 1879. of Halifax. Born 13 May 1857. Born in 1862.





## CHAPTER XV.

### STANSFELDS OF SHORE IN STANSFIELD.



LIVING within the township of Stansfield, is a district called Shore, which gave name to a family, occurring in ancient deeds. One of these, is copied in the *Towneley MS.*, p. 1105.

Sciunt qd. ego RIC'US filius JOH'IS filij X'IAN de STANSFELD, confirmavi Willo. del Schore, vnu' messagiū' et vna' placam terre cu' p'tin' que vocat le.....in villa de Stansfeld, iacent inter Withonstancloough, ex una p'te., et le Redeschore, ex altera p'te., tenend' de capitalibus d'nis foedi illius, p' servitia consuetu. contra omnes gentes imperpetun'. In testimoniu' sigillu' meu' apposui. His testibus, WILL'MO de STANSFELD, Willo. filio Enot, Rico. filio Eliot, Joh'ne filio Petri, Joh'ne de Schore, et alijs. Dat. apud Stanisfeld, die dīma in festo Sci....., anno Edwardi tertii post conquestu', vicesimo sexto.

[Abstract in English.]

Know all men, that I RICHARD, son of JOHN, son of CHRISTIAN [or CHRISTIANA] de STANSFELD, have confirmed to William del Schore, a messuage and lands, with appurtenances, called.....in the township of Stansfeld, lying between Withonstancloough [Whittonstall clough?] on one side, and Redeschore on the other. To hold &c. Witnesses, WILLIAM DE STANSFELD, William son of Enot, Richard son of Eliot, John son of Peter, John de Schore, and others. Dated at Stanisfeld, 26th Edward III. [1352-3].

William de Stansfeld, John de Schore, and John son of Peter, occur in the Poll Tax roll, A.D. 1378, given on page 119. The first mention of a Stansfeld, in connection with Shore, in later times, occurs in the following will at York.

*Vol. xiiij. folio 395b.* Dated 28th February 1547-8, proved 15th June 1548.

HENRIE STANSFELD of Shoore, in the parish of Heptonstall, desired to be buried in the chapel yard there. Mentioned his bastard daughters, Jennet and Alice Stansfeld, and his wife, MARGARETE, who was to enjoy the house and croft, for her life. He appointed her, executrix and reversiary legatee.

John Eastwood of Shore, in his will dated 1554, names Alan Stansfeilde, as a debtor for 23s. 4d. Another Stansfeld is mentioned in the following will :—

*Vol. xxxj. folio 444a.* Dated 13th June 1609, proved 4th October 1610.

ANTHONIE CROSELY of the Shore in Stansfeild, bequeathed the Shore, two-thirds of which, was assured to his father-in-law, THOMAS STANSFELD, for life, to his wife, ELLEN; reversion to his son, James Crosley, in default, to his daughters, Marie and Susan Crosley.

Anthony Crosley married Ellen Stansfeld, 4th September 1596. The following is evidently the inquisition post mortem of his father-in-law, Thomas Stansfeld, who was buried 10th February 1617-8 :—

Public Record Office. *Miscellaneous Chancery Inquisitions Post Mortem, 16th James I. Part 9, No. 116.*

York. An inquisition indented, taken at Hallifax, in Yorks., on September 8th, the 16th James I. [1618], before William Cartwright, Escheator, by virtue of his office, after the death of THOMAS STANSFELD, late of Shore in Stansfield, deceased, by the oaths of Edward Hanson, Henry Savile, Joseph Worrall, William Chapman, John Worrall, Daniel Pighells, Thomas Midgley, Edmund Holland, Thomas Watson, Robert Foster, William Greenwood, John Wade and William Goodbarne, who say that the said THOMAS STANSFELD, on the day of his death, was seised in his demeane, as of fee, of and in a messuage or tenement, at the Shore in Stansfield, a barn, a garden, 4 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and 5 acres of pasture, with appurts., at the Shore in Stansfield, aforesaid; and of and in one fourth part of certain lands and tenements in Stansfield, called Wentworth lands, with appurts. in Yorks. He died, seised of the same, and which messuage, and certain premises with the appurts.,



valued per annum, in all issues, besides reprises, 10s. The tenement and premises, at the death of said Thomas, was held of the lord of the manor of Stansfield, in free and common soccage, namely by fealty, and the annual rent of 5½d., and by suit to the court and mill of the manor of Stansfield, aforesaid, for all services and demands. The Jurors further say, the said THOMAS STANSFIELD died March [February?] 10th last; and JOHN STANSFIELD is his son and next heir, and aged at the death of his father, 33 years. The Jurors further say, that he died seised of no other lands, held of the king, &c.

A contemporary of this Thomas Stansfeld, occurs in the following will; and also in the proceedings in the Duchy of Lancaster court, which succeed.

*Vol. xxxix. folio 103a.* Dated 10th March 1623, proved 7th March 1626.

WILLIAM EASTWOOD als. WILKINSON of Stansfield, shoemaker, bequeathed to SARA, daughter of EDMOND STANSFELD of Shore, £6 13s. 4d.; and a legacy to PRUDENCE, daughter of JOHN STANSFELD.

*Duchy of Lancaster Pleadings, Elizabeth, vol 133.*

M. 4. This bill is dated 12th February 1596, and filed by Richard Michell of Shorey, in Stansfeild, York, EDMOND STANSFELD of Shoer, aforesaid, Robert Ormerode of Shoer, Nicholas ffielden of Shoer, afforesaid, Richard Crosley of Shoer, yeomen, and Anthony Crosley of Scatcliffe, York, yeoman, as well on behalf of themselves, as other Freeholders of Rochdale, Scatcliff, Shorey, Brunley, Cliderowe and Colne. Setting forth, that by all the time, whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary, they used for themselves, servants, &c., a way and passage for carts &c., and also on horse back and on foot, at all times of the yeare, between the said towns, in the county of Lancaster; that is to say, from the High Street, leading between Burneley and Halifax, at or near a village or row of houses, commonly called Styp'den, York; and from the wastes of Stansfield, by and through a close called Spygaterode, parcel of lands of one James Crabtree of Shorey; by and through Lydgate, following the water, unto the grounds of Richard Crosley, called Thrutchley Holm, and so on by Richard Crosley's dwelling-house in Scatcliffe; and thence, by and through a parcel of ground, called Adamroydhey, likewise of the said Richard Crosley, and so from thence to Rochdale.

Now the plaintiffs and other inhabitants, used the above towns to trade, but James Crabtree and Richard Crosley, seeking only their own private lucre and gain, and thinking by little and little, to blemish, and in the end, utterly to take away, the title of the said way, and consequently to deprive plaintiffs of the said way, have stopped it up. Hence the suit.

M. 4a. The defendants answer this, denying most of the statements, and further say "without that, that the said complts. and all other the freeholders &c. of Ratchdale, Scatcliff, Shoer, Burnley, Clytherowe and Collne, and of the other townes in the said bill, mentioned or specified, by all the time whereof the memory of man ys not to the contrary, have and had used a way between the towns of Ratchdall, Scatcliff, Shorey, Brunley, Clytherow, Colne and other the said townships, turning forth of the Queen's high street, between Brunley and Halifax, at or near Styperden, and so on, is untruly alledged.

Ending by praying dismissal out of Court, with their costs.

[N.B.—The answer is partly damaged at head.]

It is possible that the Edmund Stansfeld, mentioned in the above proceedings, may be the same as the one, whose name has already occurred, in the will of William Eastwood. Or if the above be the Edmund Stansfeld, who married Prudence Horsfall, in 1615 (*vide* Heptonstall registers), we may have to go further back, and find him in the following deed :—

*C. Towneley's MSS.* p. 1106. Sciant qd. ego EDMUNDUS STANSFELD filius THOME STANSFELD, confirmavi JOHN STANSFELD de Hartlayroide, infra villat de Stansfeld, unu' messagiu' vocat Newlaye et Bearebut, ac una p'cell terr. vocat burnde, ac etiam una alia p'cell terre, p' estimationem dimid acre terre, iacent iuxta donu' pred'. Tenendu' de capitalibus d'nis foedi ilius p' servitia consueta. In testimoniu' sigillu' meu', apposui. Dat. nono die Decembris, anno Eliz. vicesimo secundo, 1579.

[Abstract in English.]

Know all men, that I EDMUND STANSFELD, son of THOMAS STANSFELD, have confirmed to JOHN STANSFELD of Hartlayroide, in the township of Stansfeld, one messuage called Newlaye and Bearebut, and one parcel of land called Burnde, and also another parcell of land, by estimation half an acre, lying near thereto. To hold of the chief lords of the fee, by customary service. Dated 9th December, 22nd Elizabeth, 1579.

The message, in the above conveyance, is named as in the copy ; and it is probably the same, which is called New House, in the following will :—

*Vol. xxij. folio 93b.* Dated 22nd February 1581-2, proved 3rd March 1582-3.

WILLIAM CROSLAYE of the Newe House, in Stansfeld, bequeathed to his wife, Margaret, and his children, the whole farmhold, which he had by the lease of JOHN STANSFELD, for sixteen years to come.

But the message is mentioned, under its original name, in the will of the confirmee of the deed of 1579.

*Vol. xxij. folio 807a.* Dated 28th October 1587, proved 22nd June 1588.

JOHN STANSFELD of Harteley royd, in Stansfeld, yeoman, mentioned his wife AGNES. He bequeathed to John Cleaton and Gilbert Baristall, £30, which EDMOND STANSFELD owed him. To Nicholas Feilden, whom he appointed his executor, and his heirs for ever, a parcel of land called Knottes, and his title in a teneement called Newley. Also to Richard Crossley, all such rentes, as HENRY STANSFELD had to pay. Also to William Mychell, clarke, the best tree within his woods. MR. JAMES STANSFELD of Stansfeld, was appointed overseer.

Edmond Stansfeld, who married Prudence Horsfall, is mentioned in the will of his father-in-law.

*Vol. xxxviii. folio 552b.* Dated 29th May 1622, proved 11th August 1625.

SIMEON HORSFALL of Blackshawhead, yeoman, bequeathed to his daughter, PRUDENCE, wife of EDMOND STANSFELD, £5, and 5s to each of their children. He appointed his son-in-law, EDMOND STANSFELD, tutor of his son and heir, Richard Horsfall. His other sons named are, Henry, Jonas and Jonathan ; and his brothers, John Horsfall of Underbancke, and Richard Horsfall of Stoytheley, were appointed supervisors.

Many entries occur in the Heptonstall registers, relating to the Stansfelds of Shore ; but there is not sufficient evidence, either to connect the branch with the main line, or to join the items into any regular pedigree. In the wills, Shore usually

occurs in connection with the family of Crossley, which intermarried frequently with the Stansfelds. The following introduces a new name :—

*Vol. xxxv. folio 502b.* Dated 1617, proved 10th November 1619.

Richard Shephard of the Shore, named his wife, Isabell, and his youngest daughter, Susan or Susanna. He bequeathed 40s to his son Danyell; and £12 to his bastard daughter, Mary, his brother, James Shephard, and EDMOND STANSFELD, to have care of it. Amongst the debtors named are, Richard Horsfall of Dove Skoute, and John Crosley a lowscoles [*sic*].

The tenement held by the above testator, was purchased from his heirs, in 1647, by Miles Stansfeld, as appears by his will.

*Vol. lj. folio 288a.* Dated 6th August 1669, proved September and October 1670.

MILES STANSFELD the elder, of the Shore in Stansfeild, yeoman, bequeathed to his wife, MARY, for life, one third of a messuage called the Ridgeyate, in Stansfeild, in his occupation; which he bought on the 6th March 1647-8, of James Shepherd, late of Rowlston, co. Stafford, cooke, and of James Shepherd, late of the Shore, yeoman, saving one bay, in the west end of a lathe or barn, which he lately built. Then on his wife's death, to his eldest son GEORGE, and his elder daughter, MARY, for their lives; reversion to youngest son, ABRAHAM, for life. To his wife, MARY, another third, till ABRAHAM be 14 years old, to bring him, and youngest daughter, ELIZABETH, up. Then to children, GEORGE and MARY, for life; reversion to son ABRAHAM for ever. To son, GEORGE, the remaining third, until son ABRAHAM be 14 years old; then as previous third.

Also to his wife, one third of seven acres of land, late enclosed from the waste, between Hartley clough and Stoperdaine clough, granted to him and his heirs, by the Rt. Hon. George, lord viscount Halifax, by name of Sir George Savile of Thornhill, baronet, on the 26th September 1656; also one third of a lathe there, for her life. Then to his second son, JOHN, and his third son, MILES, for ever; along with the remaining two thirds.

He appointed his wife, executrix, and left her, her right of goods. He also bequeathed £10 to his son, ABRAHAM, when 14

years of age, to put him forth to learne a trade ; £20 to his daughter, ELIZABETH ; and the residue of all, to his children, GEORGE, MARY, JOHN, MYLES, ELIZABETH, and ABRAHAM STANSFELD.

He was buried 8th February 1669-70, and a George Stansfeld of Shore was buried 9th April 1670. The baptisms of his two youngest children, took place 16th November 1662, and 12th October 1665. He is probably the same, whose publication of banns, is given on page 49 ; but the marriage, if performed at all, was evidently delayed some time, as an entry on page 46, under date 19th April 1656, tends to prove.

John Stansfeld, senior, of Shore, was buried 7th September 1663, his wife having been buried on the 29th of the previous month. He is probably the same, who is mentioned, along with his daughter Prudence, who was baptised 12th July 1618, in the will of William Eastwood in 1623. The following is his will :—

*Vol. xlvj. folio 402a.* Dated 2nd September 1663.

JOHN STANSFELD of Crofthouse att Shoore in Stansfeld, yeoman, bequeathed to his son, JOHN, 12s, to his daughter, MARTHA, 12s, and to his grandson, John Crossley, £8 5s. He left the residue to his younger son, JAMES, and daughter, PRUDENCE ; and also £20, secured at his son JOHN's marriage, out of his lands, for testator's will.

### I.—JAMES STANSFIELD OF SHORE.

JAMES STANSFIELD, the younger son named in the last-named will, is probably the ancestor of the Stansfelds of Shore, Lothersdale, Halifax, &c., with whom the settled pedigree commences. He married on the 21st November 1625, LYDIA CROSLY. He died in February 1663-4, and was buried in his own field at Shore, being a member of the society of Friends. His widow died a prisoner in York castle, 10th October 1669. Their issue, taken from the Heptonstall registers, and also from those belonging to the society of Friends, was as follows : Abraham, baptised 9th December 1627, died a prisoner in York

castle, 18th October 1669; Susan, baptised 31st January 1629-30, died 5th January 1672-3, and was buried in James Stansfield's ground; Martha, baptised 12th April 1635; Debora, baptised 25th September 1637, died 3rd December 1669; John, baptised 9th February 1639-40, died 22nd August 1685, or 18th July 1697, and buried in his own burying place at Shore or Shewbroad; Lydia, baptised 7th August 1642, died 13th October 1690, and buried in James Stansfield's ground; Charles, baptised 23rd February 1644-5, died 4th April 1685, and buried in their own ground at Shore. This seems the last child who was baptised, and the entry is different from the others, the father being styled of Shore, instead of merely Stansfield. Probably this marks the introduction of Quaker principles into the family, for the succeeding issue occurs in the list of births only, viz., a son, born 18th January 1653-4, and Richard, born 30th August 1654.

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## II.—JAMES STANSFIELD OF MANKINHOLES.

The pedigree compiled from the quaker registers, continues the descent, through JAMES STANSFIELD of Mankinholes, a younger son of James Stansfield of the Shore, whose birth is not given, but he died 20th January 1699. His widow, MARY, died in 1714. Their issue is given as: Mary, married John Barker, 17th May 1690; Martha, born 10th October 1667, married in 1688, Thomas Sutcliffe; Abraham, born 13th November 1670, his widow, Mary, died 16th August 1784; John, of whom next; Susannah, born 28th August 1678; Joshua, of Castle Carr, Midgley, born 4th April 1681, married Judeth and had issue, Susannah, born 24th July 1721, his first wife was buried 27th October 1721, and his second wife was called Hannah; Jonathan, of Hartley Royd, a twin, born 25th September 1683, and died 16th October 1738, and was buried either at Shore, in Stansfield, or at Shewbroad, in Langfield; Jonas, a twin, born 25th September 1683, died 10th April 1758, and was buried at Shore. There was also a George Stansfield of Rodwellend, who died 28th February 1749, and was buried at Shewbroad.

Mary Stansfield, who married John Barker, and Jonathan Stansfield, her brother, are the same, whose names appear in the quaker prosecutions, on page 94, the former only escaping imprisonment, on account of being a poor widow, with many children. Jonas Stansfield of Shore, yeoman, is mentioned in the will of William Sutcliffe of Stansfield Hall, dated 25th June 1730, as bond, along with John Sutcliffe of Old Royd, for testator's father. He also occurs in the assignment of seats in Crostone chapel, in 1719, given on pages 88-90. The marriages of two Jonas Stansfields, are given on page 57, and Sarah, wife of Jonas Stansfield, yeoman, evidently the one married in 1711, was buried 28th May 1753. A Jonas Stansfield of Commons in Stansfield, was buried 18th February 1765. It is very likely that the Stansfields of Todmorden, who bore as crest, an ibis, given elsewhere, are descended from this Jonas Stansfield of Shore.

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### III.—JOHN STANSFIELD OF GRINDLESTONE BANK.

John Stansfield, son of James Stansfield of Mankinholes, was born 23rd January 1676, married in 1733, to Deborah Maud, died 11th, and was buried at Halifax 16th, May 1762. His widow died 31st July, and was buried 2nd August 1774, aged 77. They had issue : Judith, born 29th April 1734, and married 4th November 1756, John Priestley ; Joshua, of whom next ; Esther, born 16th January 1736-7 ; and Ann, born 6th May 1738, and died 28th March 1739.

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### IV.—JOSHUA STANSFIELD OF HAND GREEN.

Joshua Stansfield was born 6th November 1735, and died at Ovenden, 9th, and buried the 13th April 1806. He married in 1766, Elizabeth Halstead, who died 12th, and was buried 17th January 1821, aged 79. He is called of Booth Town, in 1760, of Grindlestone Bank in 1771, and of Hand Green in Warley, which he built, in 1789 and 1806. He had issue : John, of whom next ; Elizabeth, born 16th March 1761, married 15th February

1792, and died 1st February 1838, her husband John Thorp of Leeds, died 10th September 1817; Deborah, born 16th October 1770, married Richard Wilson (who died 20th May 1843) 14th January 1802, and died 12th March 1847; Mary, born 24th February 1772, and died unmarried, 6th February 1814; Joshua, born 25th August 1774, married, Tabitha Ecroyd (who died 16th February 1833) 8th September 1812, and died without issue, 9th June 1837; Judith, born 8th June 1779, married Robert Sutcliffe (who died 2nd July 1832) in 1799, and died 17th June 1843; Caleb, born 21st May 1784, married 22nd August 1815, Margaret Hall (who died 6th June 1821) and secondly, 18th February 1824, Katherine Thorp, by whom he had a daughter, Phœbe, born 24th December 1824, who married her half cousin, Hall Stansfield of Halifax.

Caleb Stansfield died 16th September 1854, leaving issue, also, by his first wife, two daughters. Elizabeth, the elder, was born 23rd March 1818, married 14th June 1843, James Dixon, and has issue, Margaret, Eliza and Sarah, all died young, and Caleb Stansfield Dixon, born 16th January 1850. Margaret, the second daughter of Caleb Stansfield, was born 29th June 1820, married 13th January 1851, Thomas Charles Whitehead of Halifax, and died 22nd September 1873, leaving issue: Anne, born 12th November 1852, married 13th September 1877, Joseph Arthur Wood of Halifax; Joshua Stansfield, born 21st July 1854; and Thomas Henry Whitehead, born 16th December 1856, graduated at Christ's College, Cambridge, M.A., in 1882, ordained deacon 24th September 1882, and died at the Church House, Stirchley, near Birmingham, 7th January 1885.

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#### V.—JOHN STANSFIELD OF LOTHERSDALE.

John Stansfield, eldest son of Joshua Stansfield of Hand Green, was born 29th January 1767, and died 13th February 1813. He was twice married, first, on the 22nd September 1791, to Mary Slater; and second, 24th June 1811, to Sarah Armistead. He is called of Hand Green in Warley, stuff maker, in a deed



of 1795 ; and occurs, along with his brothers, Joshua and Caleb, in another deed of 1789. He afterwards resided at Lothersdale in Craven. He was confined in York castle, with several other quakers, in 1795-7, for non-payment of tithes, due to the vicar of Carlton. He was also imprisoned in Lancaster castle, at the same time as the poet Montgomery. See Corder's *Memorials of Quakers*. He had issue by his first wife :—

1. Slater Stansfield of Lothersdale, manufacturer, born 3rd November 1792, married 1st July 1818, Jane Fryer, who died 17th September 1855. Their issue was : John Slater, of Lothersdale, corn miller, born 10th May 1819, married 6th December 1843, Sarah Walker, and has issue, Frederick of Bradford, corn miller, born 17th June 1844 ; Thomas, born 6th November 1820, died unmarried, 10th June 1846 ; and Eliza Stansfield, born 26th April 1822, married 28th August 1851, Frederick Graveley, and died leaving issue, 22nd January 1858.

2. John Stansfield of Lothersdale and Halifax, born 28th March 1794, married 22nd July 1817, Mary Hall, and died 7th June 1858, leaving issue, two sons and a daughter.

John Stansfield of Rawdon, his elder son, was born 29th March 1818, and married 12th December 1860, Margaret Parker, and has issue, Charles Edward, born 8th July 1865, and Mary Hannah, Francis Eliza, and Margaret Stansfield.

Hall Stansfield, his younger son, was born 8th January 1824, and married 12th August 1853, his half cousin, Phoebe, youngest daughter of Caleb Stansfield, who was born 24th December 1824, and died leaving issue : Katherine, born 31st July 1855, married 21st May 1879, Edmund Farrar of Halifax, and has issue, Norman Hall, born 4th July 1881, and Muriel Phoebe Farrar ; John William, born 13th May 1857 ; Mary ; and Arthur Stansfield, born in 1862.

Mary, daughter of John Stansfield, was born 11th April 1820, married 14th June 1843, Thomas Wilson of Thornton, and has issue, Charles Stansfield, born 16th April 1844, and Deborah Wilson.

3. William Stansfield of Lothersdale, farmer, was born 10th December 1796, married 15th January 1852, Elizabeth Hinchcliffe, but had no issue.

4. Eliza Stansfield, born 22nd December 1798, married 20th April 1825, Benjamin Ecroyd of Halifax, conveyancer, and died

11th November 1829, leaving one daughter, Mary Ecroyd, born 24th March 1829. Benjamin Ecroyd married secondly, 18th September 1833, Hannah Russel, and died 23rd May 1857, leaving issue by her also.

5. Mary Stansfield, born 26th November 1800, and died 9th June 1802.

6. Hannah Stansfield, born 6th June 1802, died unmarried 10th November 1840.

7. Richard Stansfield of Lothersdale, farmer, born 24th June 1803, married 18th November 1829, E. Dixon, and died 29th February 1836, leaving issue : Edward, born 5th March 1831, married 4th July 1855, Sarah E. Hoyland, and has issue, Annie Louisa and Ellen Stansfield ; Sarah Coor and Mary Anne Stansfield. His widow married secondly, William Ecroyd of Lomeshaye, 14th March 1849, whose son, by a former wife, William Farrer Ecroyd, now represents Preston in parliament. They had issue, Richard Ecroyd, born 12th September 1850, and John Ecroyd, born 9th March 1852.

8. Deborah Stansfield, born 13th March 1805, married 19th September 1827, and died 3rd June 1841. Her husband, Thomas Parkinson of Bradford, died 13th October 1832, leaving issue, Robert, born 27th July 1830, married 23rd September 1856, Emily Jesper, and had issue Ellen Parkinson, born and died in 1857.

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#### 1.—JAMES STANSFIELD OF BOOTH TOWN.

Amongst the contemporaries of John Stansfield of Grindlstone Bank, Ovenden, who died in 1762, was a Caleb Stansfield of Keighley, who died 26th November 1788, aged 76. His wife's name was Mary, died 16th November 1747 or 8, aged 33. He married, secondly, Ann Ryley, widow, 5th December 1758, who died 15th November 1773, a minister about twenty-two years. He had issue by his first wife : John, born 21st April 1740, married Ann ; and Abraham, born 19th April 1742, married 19th August 1772, Sarah Wilson (who died 22nd November 1802, aged 58), and died 23rd May 1811.

Another contemporary, most probably a brother, of John Stansfield *ob.* 1762, was James Stansfield, woolstapler, of Booth Town, near Halifax, who died 11th, buried 15th October 1764.

His wife's name was Mary, and she died 19th, buried 22nd October 1747. His issue was: James, of whom hereafter; Sarah, born 3rd March 1735; Thomas, of whom next; Mary, born 13th October 1739, and buried 27th November 1741; Alice, born 12th November 1741; John, of whom presently; and Ruth, born 10th May 1746.

Thomas Stansfield of Booth Town, born 11th November 1736, married 31st December 1767, and died 14th January 1801. His wife was Mary Sutcliffe, who died 6th May 1823, aged 81. They had issue: John, born 11th December 1768, married Elizabeth, and died 14th February 1813; James, died at Sheffield, 13th July 1794, aged 24; Hannah, born 15th August 1786, and died a spinster at Todmorden, in 1847.

John Stansfield was born 3rd March 1744, and died 12th December 1803. He was a surgeon &c., and married Lydia Bower, who died 10th May 1813, aged 58. They had issue: John, a physician, born 29th November 1779, and died in 1840; James, born 3rd October 1780, and died 9th December 1781; Rachel, born 28th November 1782, and died unmarried, in 1843; Girdoni, born 2nd November 1785, and died 21st March 1787; Samuel, born 23rd January 1788, married Sarah Armistead (who died 23rd September 1859, aged 67), and died in 1859, near Kendal, leaving issue, Elizabeth and Samuel Joseph, both died young; Margaret, born 12th September 1790, and married 15th October 1812, David Marshall; Lydia, born 11th April 1793, and died 6th May 1795; and Christiana, born 17th November 1796, and died 10th January 1818.

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## 2.—JAMES STANSFIELD OF BRISTOL.

James Stansfield, eldest son of James Stansfield of Booth Town, was born 20th November 1733. He is styled son of James Stansfield of Booth Town, yeoman, in a deed of 1754; but in 1757 is called a chapman. He was appointed a trustee, along with Joshua Stansfield of Booth Town, in 1760. He is called of Grindlestone Bank, yeoman, in 1771. He does not join in the consolidated trust deed of 1789, which may be explained

by his removal to Bristol. He married 12th August 1765, Mary Bradley, and died 10th December 1819, being buried in the Friends' burying ground at Bristol, on the 19th of the same month.

James Stansfield of Bristol, his son, was born 4th October 1766, and married Fanny Cooper of Hinckley, Leicestershire, who died 29th December 1847, aged 79. Their daughter, Fanny, born in 1803, married 26th April 1825, Beaven Rake of Shaftesbury, and had issue, Thomas Beaven, Alfred Stansfield, and Herbert Rake.

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Quakerism originated in the period, whence so many religious opinions sprung into existence, or were revived and carried out, by sectarians and schismatics. It was born, like them, of the liberty of conscience, or religious licentiousness, as opinions may differ, caused by the temporary overthrow of the Church and the constitution, at the Great Rebellion. That the prosecutions of quakers, were not entirely undeserved, may be judged from an entry in Burton's *Parliamentary Diary*, page 442; which states, that, during the protectorate of Cromwell:—

“A petition to His Highness and the Parliament, was presented from the Justices of the Peace, Ministers and others, well-principled inhabitants of Leeds, Wakefield, Bradford &c., representing, that these populous places, and parts adjacent are, and for a long time past, have been miserably perplexed, and much dissettled, by that unruly sect of people called Quakers, whose principles are to overturn Magistracy, Ministry, Ordinances, all that which good men would keep up, by their prayers and endeavours. The approved Ministers of the nation, they deny to be Ministers of Christ. The Ordinances used in our public assemblies arose, say they, from the bottomless pit—sermons, the invention of fallen man and their traditions. It is these men's common practice, to meet by hundreds, in, or near to our places of public worship, on purpose to disturb the Preacher and people assembled; causing, and speaking, all manner of evil against those things, that all sober minds deem good, to the great terror of some, and no small trouble to other Ministers.”

The different trust deeds of the Quaker meeting houses and burial grounds, mention several members of the Stansfeld family, whose names previously occur in this chapter.

3rd February, 1723. John Mitton conveyed to six trustees, a piece of ground in Barkisland, upon special trust, to erect a building thereon, for the use of the people commonly called Quakers, therein to worship, and in the same land, to bury their dead.

26th October, 1771. Jonathan Laycock, of Shaw Hill, sole surviving trustee, re-conveys to Simeon Dyson, of Lower Goat House in Rishworth, yeoman, Henry Dyson, of Dyson lane, yeoman, his son, Henry Dyson of Styes in Sowerby, clothier. JOSHUA STANSFELD of Grindlestone Bank, yeoman, JAMES STANSFELD of Boothstown, yeoman, and Robert Fawcett the younger, of Damhead, yeoman.

5th October, 1795. Halifax Great Court Baron. John Dyson of Lower Goat House in Rishworth, kersey manufacturer, surrenders into the hands of the lord, the Quaker burying ground in Sowerby Street, to the use of the said John Dyson, and JOHN STANSFELD of Hand Green in Warley, stuff maker.

23rd April, 1824. JOHN STANSFELD was deceased, and the heirs of the surviving trustee, John Dyson, surrender the above, to the use of new trustees, Thomas Dearden, joiner, Robert Sutcliffe, gentleman, George Webster, grocer, Caleb Haworth and Benjamin Ecroyd, conveyancers, John, James, and Joseph Sutcliffe, grocers, sons of the said Robert Sutcliffe, and Joseph Thorpe, woolstapler.

28th March, 1754. The surviving trustees of the Highroad Well Quaker burying ground &c. convey to new trustees, John Lister and John Haigh Lister his son, both of Copley Gate, yeomen, JAMES STANSFELD and JAMES STANSFELD, his son, both of Booth's Town, yeomen, John Roads of New-well in Skircoat, yeoman, and Richard Fawcitt of Shelf, yeoman.

1st May, 1757. The new trustees demise above, to Jonathan Laycock of Shaw Hill; another Meeting House having been erected, at Halifax.

7th May, 1760. The surviving trustees of Halifax Meeting House, re-convey to Simeon and Henry Dyson, Henry Dyson of Styes, JOSHUA STANSFELD of Booth's Town, yeoman, JAMES STANSFELD the younger, yeoman, and Robert Fawcett of Shelf, new trustees.

19th February, 1789. A deed consolidating all the trusts at Rishworth, Highroad Well and Halifax, and also appointing new trustees for Sowerby Street. Amongst the parties named, are JOSHUA STANSFELD the elder, of Hand Green, Warley, yeoman, JOHN STANSFELD, JOSHUA STANSFELD the younger, and CALEB STANSFELD of Hand Green, worsted manufacturers, sons of JOSHUA STANSFELD, and others.

The following deeds also refer to the branch of the family, to which this chapter is appropriated :—

17th August, 1730. Richard Thomas and Elizabeth his wife, enfeof and confirm to Paul Greenwood of Stansfield, clothier (*inter alia*) the moiety of Hartley, described in an earlier deed, from the lord of the manor, as adjoining Hartley Clough, towards N.W., on a iway between Stiperden, and towards Crostone, towards South, and the lands of Robert Ormerod, towards East ; but the last named, in this deed, are the lands of JONATHAN STANSFELD.

Conveyance in 1782, by Royd's trustees, to Robert Spofforth of Howden, gent. for £1300, of two messuages, dwelling houses, or tenements, with appurtenances, called Hartley Royd, occupied as one, and a cottage called the Nasebottom, in township of Stansfield, heretofore in occupation of ABRAHAM STANSFELD and Abraham Naylor, and now of William Eastwood and JOHN STANSFELD, and the closes called the Upper Pasture, the Lower Pasture, the Lane, the 4 day work, the Mowing Pasture, the Croft, the Fold, the Stansfield Field, the Higher and Lower Bent Fields, the Lanes, the Round Stubbs, the Coldwell, the Mine Holes, the 4 days Ardick, the other 4 days work, the Brink, the Pepper Hill, the Park, the Ralph Holme, the Naze Field, the Naze Holme, the Knotts, the two Woods, the Little Holme, the Naze Brink, the Orchard, the White Stone Close, the Wheat Field, and the Turney Holes (118 acres), together with the mines of lead, and all other mines whatsoever, in the said premises.

Booth Town estate. Draft indenture dated 1785 from Nicholls, to others, of :—

“ That other messuage in Boothtown, in occupation of Robert Mason, then of JAMES STANSFELD, and now of THOMAS STANSFELD, and the closes called the Upper Broadfield, the Upper Round Ing, the 5 day work, the Fearn Beds, the Upper Ing, the 4 day work, the Claggy Lands, the far Plow Croft, the great Plow Croft, the Croft, the Lower Great Ing, the Broadfield, the Lower Ing, and the Bottom.”









## CHAPTER XVI.

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### ARMS OF STANSFELD.

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**D**IFFICULTIES occur, in determining what are the correct arms and crest of the Stansfeld family, as a great amount of confusion has been created, in connection with the matter. Not that the point in itself, should be doubtful, for happily, there is a tribunal in heraldry, the College of Arms, which can authoritatively settle any point in dispute, within its prerogative. But historians, and members of the family, in past years, seem to have confused comparatively modern grants of arms, in which slight differences have been purposely made by the heralds of arms, with the ancient coat, born by the Stansfelds of Stansfield. These differences seem to have been the result of omission, on the part of the applicants, to produce pedigrees, and prove their descent from the old stock. The heralds have been satisfied with a mere declaration, that the applicants were descended from the family of Stansfeld of Stansfield. But not knowing the exact descent, they could not confirm the ancient coat to them, with the correct mark of cadency; so they changed the colours, or introduced some similar slight difference, and made new grants, to the confusion of future superficial enquirers.

But, although, as has been said before, the Heralds' College can settle a disputed point in heraldry, disputed points in history must come before another court. Failing the production, therefore, of the original grant of arms, a prescriptive right to the coat, must be proved, by evidence of the usage, for a considerable length of time. This is where history steps in, both to certify the correctness of the coat, and also to prove the genealogical right of the claimants, to wear it. Only the ignorant will be



Respecting the stained glass, in Heptonstall church, the same historian writes, on page 419 :—

On one of the windows are the arms of STANSFIELD, of Stansfield; date in old numerals, 1508.

Whitaker, *Loidis and Elmete* p. 202, simply copies Watson, with respect to Heptonstall church, and in connection with Stansfield Hall, adds :—

A part of the old house still exists, and there are some remains of the arms over the mantel-piece in the hall, in plaster work, irregularly placed among with those of Lascels, a cross flory.

The arms given in the same work, are : Sable, three goats, trippant, argent; bearing on a shield of pretence, the Wolrich quarterings. The crest is a demi lion, rampant, argent. James' *History of Bradford*, whilst giving, on page 436, the arms as above, yet on page 223, describes the arms, on the monument of Samuel Stansfield, who died in 1727, as : Vert, a chevron, or, between three goats, passant, argent. It would seem, therefore, that the ancient arms of the family, as represented at Stansfield Hall, were : Sable, three goats, trippant, argent; and the crest : A demi lion, rampant, argent. This is how they are blazoned, in Burke's *Armory*, and also in Heralds' College, as the arms of Stansfield of Stansfield, the following being entered there :—

York. S. 3 Goats, trippant, Argent. 1638.

As far as regards the stained glass, in Heptonstall church, dated 1508, a fac-simile is given in colours, so that the reader may see for himself. The original glass, from which this has been copied, is in the possession of Colonel Robert Stansfeld, J.P., of Field House, Sowerby; and would, no doubt, be presented to him, when the members of the family, placed the window in the new church at Heptonstall, in 1873. It will be seen, that the historians have not been perfectly accurate, in their description of the goats, as in the original, they are attired and unguled, or; that is, their horns and hoofs are coloured gold or yellow. This gilding occasions many of the differences, as will be seen by the reader, in the several blazonings, and coloured representations of the arms.

Foster's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, pages 475-6, amongst "Armes taken out of Churches and Howses in Yorkshire Visitation, A<sup>o</sup> 1584," has :—

In the Church of Elande. 11. Sable, 3 goats passant, argent, belled or. Stansfeild.

21. Savile, as in last (with a mullet in base, and in chief, a label of three points), impaling, sable, 3 goats argent.

And in the Harleian MS. 797, from Dodsworth, amongst the arms, in the north window of Elland chancel is : Sable, three goats, passant, argent, collars and bells, or.

Here we have the coat described, with a new difference, namely, the addition of bells, which imply collars, of gold. No doubt Watson, who refers to this difference, saw the original, in Elland church ; but we have not been so fortunate. The fac-simile, however, of the trickings, made at the visitation, are reproduced, from the original, at Heralds' College.

A very early difference in the coat, was made in 1546, in the following grant :—

RICHARD STANFIELD of Sheply in the County of York Esq. had this Pattent Granted to him the 8 of Aprill 1556 [*sic*, but an error] And in the 38 Year of King Henry the 8. By Christop. Barker, Garter Principall King of Arms.

Likewise the Pattent was allowed and Confirmed Nob: 15<sup>th</sup> by Wm. Hervy als. Noroy : in the fourth year of the Raigne of Soueraigne Lord Edward the Sixth King of England &c.

The coat, above alluded to, will be seen by the fac-simile, produced in another place, to be :—Sable, three goats, current, argent, attired, or, within a bordure, engrailed, of the second, charged with nine pellets. Crest : Issuing from a crescent, vert, a goat's head, argent, attired, or, holding in its mouth, a sprig of holly, fructed, proper. But the following is the entry, in Heralds' College :—

Gules, 3 Goats current 2 and 1 Argent, horned, or, a bordure engrailed Ar. semée of torteaux. Crest : A Goat's head Argent, armed or, issuant therefrom a Crescent vert, and in the mouth, a

Stanfield



Fac. similed from the Visitation of Yorkshire 1563-4,  
now remaining in the Herald's College, London.

Stephen Tucker  
Locust

27<sup>th</sup> July 1885.







*Richard Stanfeild of Sheply in the County of York.*  
*From the original in the Herald's College London.*

*Stephen J. Austin*  
*London Herald*



branch of holly ppr. By Barker, Garter, to Richard Stansfeld of Shepley, co. York. 8 April 1558, 38 H. (*sic*).

It is a strange thing, that the Heralds, either in the past, or in the present, should have been so careless, as to blazon the field, in one case, gules, and to colour it, in the fac-simile representation, as sable. The above is no mere slip of the pen, in writing *gules* for *sable*, as the roundles in the bordure, in the one case, are *torteaux*, and the other, *pellets*. Nor is this the only error, connected with this grant, for the date, in the one case, is 1556, and in the other, 1558, both purporting to be the 38th year of king Henry VIII. Upon pointing out to Somerset Herald, that the regnal year, and the year of our Lord, did not agree, he replied as follows :—

The date 1556 was correctly copied from the original entry by my clerk and is an obvious error for 1546.

But this does not explain, how it came to be entered 1558 ; and it is not very obvious, how the 8th April, 38th Henry VIII., could be even in 1546. The 38th regnal year of that monarch, was his last, and dated from the 22nd April 1546, to the 28th January 1546-7. There is, therefore, no such date as 8th April, 38th Henry VIII.; the last 8th April in his life, was in 1546, certainly, but this was in his 37th regnal year. And 38 could hardly be an obvious mis-copy for 37 ; at least, not with the same degree of likelihood, as 1556 for 1546.

According to Noble's *History of the College of Arms*, page 140, Christopher Barker was created Garter king at arms, in 1536 ; and the same work, on page 141, states that he died in January 1548-9. As he, as Garter, made the grant of arms in question, it must have been, within the above two dates, during which time, he occupied that office. Richard Stansfeld of Shepley, the grantee, purchased that manor, 16th September 1542, and died in 1551 ; so that the period of the grant, is again narrowed, between 1542 and 1548. It is not unlikely, therefore, that 1546 was the date of the grant ; but it would have been more creditable, if the College of Arms had rendered all this enquiry unnecessary. In heraldry, more accuracy is expected of

them, than is to be seen, in the following topographical information, obtained, amongst others, at very great pecuniary cost :—

Stansfield a Township in the parish of Halifax, and Heptonstall is the principal Chapel of that Township.

Sourby is a Graveship immediately adjoining Stansfeld and has a Chapel.

Norland adjoins Sowerby.

For a correct description of the different townships and chapelries, and the graveship of Sowerby, see pages 14 and 162.

The next variation is more marked, and affects both the field and the charge, as well as the crest. It is taken from :—

Grants of Arms by divers Kings of Arms, tricked by John Gough. Plate LV. 1 Harl. MS. 1422.

STANESFEILD of Stanesfeild in York<sup>re</sup> from whom descended JOHN STANESFEILD of Lewis in Sussex. P. Wm. Segar, G. 4 Decem. 1628.

The above refers to the grant of arms by Segar, Garter king of arms, to John Stansfeld of Lewes, and the tricking is : Vert, three goats, statant, argent. Crest : A vine branch fructed, proper, issuant from a mount, vert. Burke's *Armory*, however, gives the arms of Stansfeld of Lewes, confirmed by Segar, Garter, as : Vert, three goats passant, argent, armed, or. The following is the entry in *Heralds' College* :—

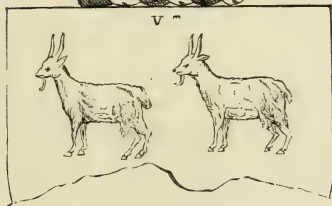
Vert 3 Goats passant Ar. attired Or. Crest, a mount vert thereon a Vine fructed ppr.

By Segar, Garter, to John Stansfield of y<sup>e</sup> Clyff near Lewis co: Sussex "descended out of that ancient Surname in Yorkshire." 4 Dec: 1628.

The tricking of arms of Stansfeld (*see fac-simile*) at the visitation of Yorkshire in 1563-4, is : Vert, three goats trippant, argent ; so perhaps, after all, the tricking, in the Harleian MS. 1422, is intended to represent the arms, from which the Lewes grant was differenced. In Constable's Roll, A.D. 1558 [*Surtees Society* vol. 41 page xiiij.], the arms of Stanefylde, are given as : Vert, three goats, passant, argent.



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Stunfeld.



1 Savile impaling Stunfeld and 2. Stunfeld alone  
from backing of arms remaining in Glass Church in 1585-

Stephen Parker  
Lorvenity

Herald's College 27<sup>th</sup> July 1885

Note. Bodsworth's MS, Harleian MS 797. Amongst the arms in the north window  
of the high choir of Eland. Sa. 3 goats pass. av. collars & bellies or.







*The Right worshipfull Sr James Stamfeild of Newmilnes.*

*A true copy*

*R R Rodart*

*Wyon Office, 10 October, 1877.*

*Lyon Clerk Depute*



Another difference is introduced by the Scotch Heralds, in the grant of arms, made to Sir James Stansfeld, knight, of Newmilns N.B.

The right worshipfull Sr JAMES STAMFEILD of Newmilnes, Bears, gules three goats passant argent, attyred and unguled or : Above y<sup>e</sup> shield, ane helmet befitting his degree, mantled gules, doubled argent, next on ane torse or wreath of his collours, for his crest ane goat's head erased, argent, attyred or, within two Laurell branches proper. The motto in ane Escroll.

These are the authentic coats, from which all the more modern representations have been derived. The most remarkable of these, is the curious illumination of arms, at Field House, a fac-simile of which, accompanies the dedication of this work. The arms are there depicted as : Vert, three goats, trippant, or ; and the crest : A lion's head, erased, or, langued, gules. But the most curious feature, is the presence of supporters, and the second motto, over the crest : *Justitia et per tot secula temperantia*.

These supporters are evidently introduced, for somewhat similar reasons, that Anstis supposes supporters in general originated, viz., to fill the void space, between the circular border of a seal, and the triangular shield within it. Here the limner has sacrificed heraldic science, to his artistic perceptions ; for, except in a few cases, where their ancestors have obtained a patent, or used supporters, before their ordinary use was restricted to the peerage, untitled gentlemen have no right to bear supporters. So, in this case, the allegorical incarnations of Justice and Temperance, are as much a portion of the mere ornamentation of the picture, as the speedwell and roses at the foot, or the elephant, whose presence, we suppose, represents the strength and power to use or abuse, without which temperance could not exist.

This heraldic painting is of the same period, as the erection of Sowerby church, and the moulding, therefore, of the plaster escutcheon, described on page 168. But neither there, nor in the tympanum of the house front at Field House, nor on the mural monument of its builder, George Stansfeld, are any supporters

introduced. But as the panel of an old family coach, was thus decorated, it is very evident, that the use of supporters, in the Stansfeld family, originated with some heraldic artist, in the coach-building trade. And evidence of this is not lacking, for at the back of the framed picture at Field House, when removed for the purpose of being copied, was discovered a fragment of an old painter's invoice, Henry Looker, Dr. to William Looker, dated 1766, on which were several brush marks, of the colours used.

The four representations of the arms of Stansfeld, in Sowerby church, in connection with the lineage of the family, treated of in chapter IX., all differ. They will be found described on pages 168, 171, and 173 twice. The two former have the goats statant (standing), whilst in the two latter, they are trippant or passant. In the second, they are attired and unguled, or ; that is, have golden horns and hoofs, in addition ; and the crest also differs, being the vine branch, evidently borrowed from the Lewes grant. The other crests are all the lion's head, erased. The last, only, has the supporters, and the superscribed motto ; the impersonation of Temperance, being without her attendant elephant.

In the Stansfeld memorial window, in Heptonstall church, see page 31, the field and goats both differ in colour, and the crest is, in one case, the demi lion, and in the other, the lion's head erased. The former is represented, or, evidently an error of the window artist, for argent.

Bradford church supplies, on the monument of Samuel Stansfeld, the correspondent of Thoresby, another variation : Vert, a chevron, or, between three goats, passant, argent. This is a strange difference, for in his letter to Ralph Thoresby, Samuel Stansfeld states, that the arms, painted in several of the ancient houses of the Stansfelds, were : Sable, three goats, rampant, argent, by which, Thoresby presumed, he meant trippant. But we have before us, a die of a seal, not shewing the tinctures, but bearing the following impaled arms :—

1. A chevron between three sea horses, naissant. [TUCKER]





2. Three goats erected, within a bordure, charged with eight roundles. [STANSFELD]

CREST : A lion's jamb, erased, holding a battle axe.

MOTTO : L'ESPERANCE ME SOUTIENT.

This was the seal, used by the City of London Gas and Coke Company, of which Robert Alexander Gray, J.P., D.L., was chairman, after Josias Stansfeld's death. He married Mary Blackwell, second daughter of Timothy Stansfeld of Field House, New Cross, Surrey; and his mother was the only daughter and heiress of General Tucker, Governor of Barbados.

But this position of the goats, is an obvious error, for Burke's *Armory* gives the coat correctly, of Josias Stansfeld of New Cross, brother of the above-mentioned Mary Blackwell Gray, as : Sable, three goats, trippant, argent; and for crest : A demi lion, rampant, argent. The coffin plate of their step mother, the third wife of Timothy Stansfeld of New Cross, has the arms depicted, in another different manner, being : Sable, three goats, statant, within a bordure, engrailed, argent, the latter charged with seven (for sixteen) hurts. See page 188.

But the most remarkable instances, of incorrect representation, occur in the hatchments, over the Stansfeld chapel, at Guiseley, as described on pages 255-6. There are six of these, and in Nos. 1, 2 and 5, they agree in displaying : Vert, three goats, trippant, argent, attired and unguled, or. In No. 3, the goats are statant, and in addition, are bearded, or. In No. 6, they are trippant, but only collared and belled, or. In No. 5, the goats are merely trippant; the crest : A lion's head erased, gules, and motto : Medio tutissimus ibis.

This motto occurs on an old panel, which appears to be considerably above one hundred years old, in the possession of William Ashton Stansfeld, of Todmorden. The shield above it, bears : Vert, three goats, statant, argent. The crest has, evidently, a punning connection with the motto, as it is an ibis, proper.

The correct arms of the Esholt branch of the family, have, however, been definitely settled, by an appeal to the proper

quarter, the College of Arms, as may be seen, in Nos. 9 and 25, of the General Search. They have been exemplified as: Sable, three goats, trippant, argent. Crest: A lion's head, erased, or, encircled by a wreath. Motto: Nosce teipsum.

The various differences, in the representations of the arms of the Stansfeld family, may be summed up, as follows:—

THE FIELD. Sable, gules, and vert.

THE CHARGES, &c. Always three goats. Trippant, statant, current and rampant. Argent and or. Attired only; attired and unguled; attired, unguled and bearded; collared and belled; always or. With a chevron, or. Within a bordure, engrailed, argent, always charged with roundlets, sable or azure.

THE CREST. Demi lion, rampant, argent and or. Lion's head, erased, gules and or. Ditto, langued, gules. Lion's head erased, argent, within a wreath. Goat's head, argent, attired, or, holding a sprig of holly, fructed, proper, and issuing from a crescent, vert. Goat's head erased, argent, attired, or, within a wreath, vert. Vine branch, fructed proper, issuant from a mount, vert. An ibis, proper.

MOTTO. Nosce teipsum. Know thyself. Medio tutissimus ibis. Second Motto: Justitia et per tot secula temperantia.

The following coats also appear in Burke's *Armory*, and have evidently some connection, with the original arms of the Stansfelds of Stansfield.

STANFELD. Argent, guttée de larmes, on a fess, azure, three goats, passant, armed, or.

STANFIELD (co. York). Sable, three goats passant, argent, a border, engrailed of the last, pellettée.

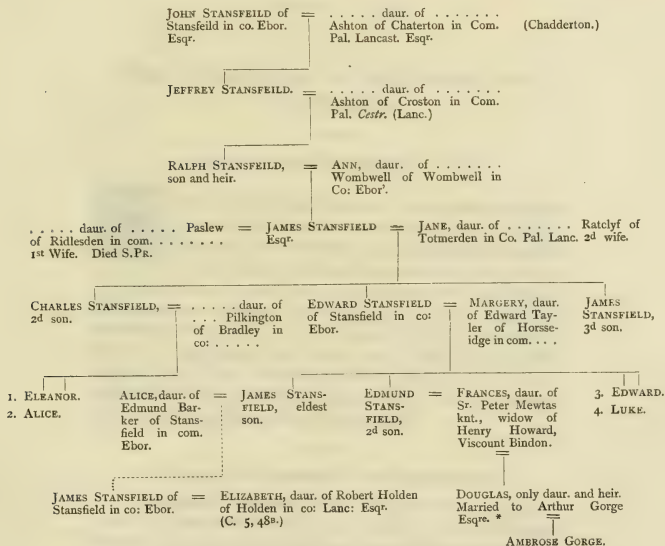
STANFORD. Vert, three goats, passant, argent, horns tipped, sable. Crest: A lion's head, erased, gules.



# Stansfield of Stansfield and Hartishead.

STANSFEILD. Sable three goats trippant Argent, each with a collar about its neck and Bell or.

[VINC. No. 105, fo. 4<sup>a</sup> 5<sup>a</sup>.]



\*Ob. 1590. (B.P. xix. 207.)

From the Original ("H. to Z." 9, p. 159) in the  
Heralds' College, London

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## CHAPTER XVII.

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### THE STANSFELDS OF STANSFIELD AND HARTISHEAD.

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#### HERALDS' COLLEGE PEDIGREE, NO. VI.



STANSFIELD Hall, no doubt, on account of its being so far away, from the residences of the Yorkshire families, with which the Stansfelds became connected by marriage ; and therefore removing its owners from the society of their friends and relatives, seems to have been, at different times, left either to tenants, or to younger members of the family. The possession of Hartishead Hall, in the very midst of all those advantages, which were, and are still, lacking at the original seat of the family, led to their preference of it, as a residence, for many generations ; much more than the number ascribed, in the pedigrees already published.

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#### I.—JOHN STANSFEILD OF STANSFIELD.

A surrender in Heralds' College, has already been given, on page 115, from William and John Methley, sons of Thomas Methley and Ellen his wife, to John, son of Ralph de Stansfeld, in 1440-1, of lands, &c. in Hartishead and Liversedge. This may be the first settlement of the family at Hartishead ; and it must not be overlooked, that John Stansfield is said to have married, in 1410, Mary, daughter of John Fleming, of Wath, who held property adjacent, in Clifton, &c. John, son of Ralph de Stansfeld, occurs in deeds, from 1416 to 1459, see page 123. But in 1404, a William de Stansfeld was constable of Hipperholme,

whose date would very well fit in, with those of the deeds, given on page 118. In a compotus of the possessions of the Commandery of Knights' Hospitallers, at Newland, in the Bodleian library, occurs :—

In Great Liversedge—The wife of Ralph Stansfeld, for Hartishead Hall, the former rent, 16d —the present rent, 14d.

Johanna, wife of Ralph de Stansfeld, occurs in 1439, see page 112 ; so that, probably, the above rental would be about the same date. This Jane was a Copley of Batley, not far distant, where the same lords of the fee, had possessions.

The John Stansfeld, who commences pedigree No. VI., married an Ashton of Chaderton. The arms of Ashton of Chaderton, are : Argent, a mullet, sable, and are thus represented in Wakefield church. His son, Geoffrey, died in 1513, being succeeded by his grandson, James. So that it is not altogether evident, that this John Stansfeld is the same, as the one who married in 1410, and occurs in deeds up to 1456. There is ample room for another generation, at least ; and the date of Thomas, son of John Stansfeld, who married Alice, daughter of John Savile of Copley, occupies the period.

John Stansfeld is mentioned in a deed of 1488, as a tenant of certain lands and tenements in Haworth, paying 7s. 9d. annual rent, to John de Rishworth.

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## II.—JEFFREY STANSFEILD.

Geoffrey, or as it is spelt in the pedigree, Jeffrey Stansfeld, married an Ashton of Croston, whose arms are : Argent, a chevron, between three chaplets, gules. The marriage settlement of her grandson, James Stansfeld, gives her christian name, Katherine. He died in 1513, as the following copy of court roll, in the possession of the author, shews :—

Court at Wakefield, 20th May, 5th Henry VIII. [1513].  
JACOBUS STANSFELD, SON OF RADULPHUS STANSFELD, deceased, gave 20d fine, for licence of heriot, in a parcel of land, in the course of the water of Calder, and a certain attachment to one dam of a

fulling mill, between Rydicarr and Hawkesclough, in graveship of Sowerby, after decease of GEOFFREY STANSFELD, avi ipsius prefati Jacobi, cuius heres ipse est, which was granted him.

He had issue, Ralph and John Stansfeld. In a list of greaves of Sowerby, in Watson's MSS., occurs :—

6th Henry VIII. [1514-5]. Heir of John Holdsworth and Will. Fayrbanke, for land of late Galfrey Stansfeld.

### III.—RALPH STANSFEILD.

Ralph Stansfeld, son of Geoffrey, died before his father. He married Ann, daughter of a Wombwell of Wombwell, co. York. So says the pedigree, but in the marriage settlement of her son, she is called Agnes. And in the subsidy roll, 1523, Agnes Stansfeld paid 3s. 4d., for £3. 6s. 8d., the only item collected in Hartishead. He had issue, James, son and heir, of whom next, and Thomas. Ralph Stansfeld was foreman of the jury, at the Brighthouse turn in 1495.

The arms of Wombwell of Wombwell are : Gules, a bend, between six unicorns' heads, coupéd, argent. There is no mention of the above marriage, in the pedigrees of the family ; but the daughters are not given, at the period involved. But Agnes, who married Ralph Stansfeld, would most likely be the daughter of Thomas Wombwell, by Catherine, daughter of William Ingleby ; and sister of Roger Wombwell, who married Catherine, daughter of Alexander Radcliffe, of Ordsal, co. Lancaster.

### IV.—JAMES STANSFIELD.

James Stansfeld, son of Ralph, and heir of his grandfather, Geoffrey Stansfeld, was twice married. His first wife was Ellen, daughter of Alexander Passelew of Riddlesden, near Bingley, co. York, as may be seen by the following :—

*Kirklees Evidences.* 24th July, 18th Henry VII. [1503]. Grant of Hartishead Hall to JAMES STANSFELD and ELLEN, dau. of Alex<sup>r</sup>. Paslowe, his wife, by GALFRIDUS STANSFELD, the owner

thereof, in the same manner, as held by AGNES, late the wife of RADULPHUS STANSFELD. Given at Stansfeld.

The arms of Passelew are : Argent, a fess between three mullets, azure, pierced of the field. There is a pedigree of the family, in Thoresby's *Ducatus Leodiensis*, p. 121, and of a branch, in Whitaker's *Whalley*, ij. 31 ; but the above marriage is not shewn. Walter Passelew, great-grandson of the above Alexander, married Ellen, daughter of John Lacy of Leventhorpe, and another daughter, Margaret Lacy, married James Stansfeld, grandson of the above James Stansfeld. A Sir John Passelew was chaplain of the Hunter chantry, at Halifax, and is mentioned in the will of Laurence Waterhouse of Warley, dated 20th November 1535. Another John Passelew, probably an uncle, appears in the following will of the nephew of Ellen Stansfeld, *vide* Passelew :—

Wills at York. *Vol. viij. folio 114b.* Dated 28th July 1513.

Alexander Passelewe, esquier, of Bingley, names his wife Mawde, his son Stephen, and appoints as supervisors, Sir John Passelew, th'abbot of Whalley, and John Lacie, esquier.

Seeing that the above testator's nephew, married John Lacy's daughter, Ellen, it is not unlikely, that the other supervisor of the will, the last abbot of Whalley, was a contemporary, and brother to the testator. If so, he would be a nephew of Ellen, wife of James Stansfeld, the subject of this section. Whitaker considers he was of the Lancashire branch ; but this mention of him, seems to prove his intimate relationship, with the Passelews of Kirkstall and Riddlesden.

The following, from Hopkinson's MSS., folio 152, refers to the nephew of Ellen, the wife of James Stansfeld.

Rex concessit licenciam Francisco Paslew, alienare ter. in Exley, Holdsworth, Laycock, Harden, and Kighley, Johi Lacy et aliis. 1 and 2 P. and M. [1554-5].

James Stansfeld married, secondly, Jane, daughter of Charles Radcliffe of Todmorden. The following is the deed of marriage settlement :—

*Kirklees Evidences.* 28th March, 9th Henry VIII. [1518].

Indenture between Charles Radcliffe of Todmorden, of the one part, and JAMES STANSFELD, esquire, of the other part, being covenants on a contemplated marriage, between the said James Stansfeld, and JANE, daughter of the said Charles Radcliffe, in which James Stansfeld settles his lands in Stansfeld, Hartshead, and other places, excepting the dower of KATHERIN STANSFELD, grandmother of the said James, and of AGNES, his mother, during their lives; and also that the trustees shall suffer JOHN STANSFELD, uncle of the said James, to take 4 marks yearly for his life, and THOMAS STANSFELD, brother of the said James, to take 26s. 8d. from lands in Hartshead, for his life, and to suffer ALICE STANSFELD to occupy the lands in Northeland, during her life.

The arms of Radcliffe of Todmorden are: Argent, a bend engrailed, sable, in the sinister chief, a fleur-de-lis, gules. There is a pedigree of the family, at page 110, Whitaker's *Whalley*, vol. ij.; but the above marriage is not there recorded. Charles Radcliffe married Margaret, daughter of Edmund Ashton of Chadderton.

A copy of court roll has been given, dated 1513, shewing the succession of this James Stansfeld, to his grandfather.

On the 29th May, 6th Henry VIII. [1515], JACOBUS STANSFELD, nup' de Stansfeld, in the parish of Heptonstall, in com. Ebor. generosus, was bound to Henry Draper, in £40, to keep covenant.

It is evident, from the above description, "late of Stansfeld," that James Stansfeld removed from Stansfeld Hall, on the death of his grandfather, to Hartishead Hall; and the following explains the obligation of the bond, above-mentioned:—

Court roll. Sowerby Greaveship. 21st August 1515.

JAMES STANSFELD, son of RALPH STANCEFELD, deceased, surrendered a parcell of land, within the course of the water of Calder, and a certain attachment of a mill-pool, for a fulling mill, lying between Redycar and Hawksclough, to the use of Henry Draper of Wadsworth.

He was appointed the collector, along with John Wilkinson of Greetland, of the subsidy, granted to Henry VIII. in 1523, for

the wapentakes of Agbrigg and Morley. See *The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Journal*, vol. ij page 44, for the indenture of appointment. Page 59 of the same work, gives the amount collected in the township of Stansfield, which is given below, along with a few items from other townships :—

STANSFELD.—JAMES STANSFELD for 20 mark lands, 13s. 4d.; LAURENCE STANSFELD for £18 guds, 9s.; John Sayvell for £8 guds, 4s.; John Michell for £4 lands, 4s.; Thomas Hoyle for 40s. lands, 2s.; John Horsfall, sen, for 30s. lands, 18d.; John Horsfall of th'estwood for 30s. lands, 18d.; John Estwod for 40s. lands, 2s.; John Utelay for £5 guds, 2s. 6d.; EDMUND STANSFELD for 40s. guds, 12d.; John Horsfall, junr, for 40s. guds, 12d.; William B(?)ruyshay for 40s. guds, 12d.; Richard Henryson for 53s. 4d. guds, 16d.

Sum 44s. 2d.

HERTISHED. Agnes Stansfeld for £3 6s. 8d. lands, 3s. 4d.

Sum 3s. 4d.

ELAND. Hugh Stansfeld for 40s. lands, 2s.

HUDDERSFIELD-CUM-BRADLEY. Arthur Pilkington for £40 lands, 40s.

OTTLAY. Robert Stansfeld for goods, 12d.

HEPTONSTALL. Edward Stansfeld for 20s. lands, 12d.

(                   ?) Thomas Stansfeld paid 12d. for 40s. guds, for a township, with the name left blank, probably Soyland or Erringden.

At the Halifax turn, held 12th October 1528, James Stansfeld, gentleman, was presented, for assaulting William Cockroft, chaplain, *vi et armis*. He is mentioned in the will of Laurence Stansfeld, in 1534-5, given on page 131, and the following pages refer to the connection between him, and the Thomas Stansfeld, with whom the pedigree of the Stansfelds of Stansfield and Sowerby commences. He died before 1540, as the following will shews :—

*Vol. xj. folio 516a.* Dated 4th February, proved 15th March, 1540-1.

Robert Helewell, of the parish of Halifax, desired to be buried in the church yard at Halifax. He disclaimed being a debtor for 26s. 8d., which Elizabeth Sutcliffe of the May rode, widow,

challenged of him, as surety for Mr. JAMES STANCEFELDE, late of Stancefelde, deceased. He mentioned his wife, Agnes; his son, Richard; and Edmund, son of Richard Helewell; and Jenett, daughter of John Helewell.

The will of the husband of the above-mentioned Elizabeth Sutcliffe, mentions a relationship with the Stansfeld family.

*Vol. x. folio 120b.* Dated 3rd January 1530-1.

Robert Sutcliff of Meyrode, desired to be buried in the chapel of Heptonstall, and left 3s. 4d. thereto, for his burial.

"Also I bequeath to the same chappell, fyve marks sterling, and I will that SIR GILBERT STANSFELD, preist, doe dailie syng and p'y for my saull, and my wyff, w<sup>th</sup> all o<sup>r</sup> ancestores, two yeris compleit, next after my deth, at the said Heptonstall, and to have their for, aither yere, seven m<sup>c</sup> sterling."

He appointed his wife, Elizabeth, executrix; and left her the governance of his son William. He named as overseers, his kinsman, SIR GILBERT STANSFELD, and Robert Sutclyff of le; who were to set straight, his wife and Robert Snyder. Feoffees had lands and tenements in Wadsworth, to the use of his wife, for life, and then of Robert Sutclyff of Lee, and his heirs male, without vexation from the child of William Sutclyff, late of Wakfeld; and to the children of the last named, he bequeathed £20. Supervisors, EDWARD STANSFELD and John Midgeley. Witnesses, Sir John Greenwood, my curate, and Sir John Nayler, preist.

In the marriage settlement, dated 1518, mention is made of an uncle, John Stansfeld, to whom was reserved an annuity of four marks. He was evidently the witness, named in the following will:—

*Vol. ix. folio 165b.* Dated 21st June, proved 11th July 1521.

John Crosley of Kilnehist, desired to be buried in the chapel garth of Heptonstall, and bequeathed 6s. 8d. thereto. Also to the chapel of Todm'den, 8s.; to Mr. Ratcliff, ij. of my best wheder shepe; to John, son of Richard Crossele, 3s. 4d.; and the residue to his daughters, Elizabeth and Agnes. He appointed Robert Crossele, son of said Elizabeth, his executor; and Sir William Cokcrofte, my curate, and Sir James Michell, p'st, supervisors. JOHN STANSFELD, gentilman, a witnaess.

In Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, Surtees Society, vol. xxxvi., page 45, William Parkinson, 1st Henry 8 [1509-10], son and heir of John Parkinson of Eastburne, is stated to have married Elizabeth, daughter of John Stansfeld.

James Stansfeld had issue, by his second wife, Edward, son and heir, of whom next, Charles and James. Charles Stansfeld married a Pilkington of Bradley, and had issue, according to the pedigree, Eleanor and Alice. The arms of Pilkington are : Argent, a cross patonce, voided, gules. The pedigree in Foster's *County Families of Yorkshire*, gives her name, Mary, but calls him, George Stansfeld (?); and names the daughters, Elizabeth and Alice. Her father, Arthur Pilkington, who paid 40s. subsidy in 1523, married Alice, daughter of Nicholas Savile of Newhall, by Agnes, daughter of Robert Wilkinson, and niece of Thomas Wilkinson, vicar of Halifax, 1438-1477. She was grand-daughter of Thomas Savile of Hullenedge, by Ann, daughter of John Stansfeld of Stansfield. Arthur Pilkington was the grandson of Sir John Pilkington, knight, who made his will 28th June 1478, given, but not in full, in *Testamenta Eboracensia*, vol. *iiij.*, p. 238. The following extracts refer to the parish of Halifax :—

It. I wit xx m<sup>cs</sup> to the mariege of the pou'est madyne, that shalbe married w<sup>t</sup> in the pariss of Halifax and Heptonstall, w<sup>t</sup> in ij yeres next aft<sup>r</sup> my deth, and that to be done by ov'sight of myn executores. Itm. I wit to the executores of Robert Shaigh, to the behove of the childre of Thom's Shagh, viij m<sup>rc</sup>. Itm. I wit to Richard Haliwell and his son, xx li, so that they make relese to myn assignes, of a place and land I boght of his fadre in Migelay, and elles they noone to have. Itm. I will that nev' noon of myn heires int'rupe ne troubill the heires of Wolstonholme, for their land at Mythome Royde, ne nev' it to occupy, w<sup>t</sup> oute they may purchase it.

Itm. I will that Robt. Pilkington, my bastard sone, occupy my place at Elfletburgh, and all oth<sup>r</sup> landes I have in Sourebishir, to my said son, Edward, be of age of xxiiij yere; and fro then, the said Robt. to have Grenehirst, to hym and his heires male, according to astate to hym thereof afore made.

I will that my son Robert, have the keping of Aringden parke, to my son Edward come to age of xxiij, and if he (Robert) die, then my brother Charles, to have the said keping.



His executors were to sell the gardenship and marriage of John Staneton, to add to purchase of marriage for his son Edward.

Proved 30th June 1479, administration granted to prince Richard, duke of Gloucester; and 20th September 1479, administration to William Calverley and Robert Chaloner, two other of the executors.

On the 30th April, 31st Henry VIII. [1539], Charles Stansfeld of Stansfield, was bound in viginti libris, to William Mydgeley, for performance of contract. The following are from Hopkinson's MSS., vol. I.

Rob. Pilkington ten. ter. in Sowerby (viz. Elphabrook) de Dom. Rege, ut de Manerio suo de Wakefield, per servic. milit. 24 Hen. 8 [1532-3]. *Folio 107.*

CAROLUS STANSFIELD ten. 4 mess., un molend., 40 acr. ter. in Stansfield, de Hen. Savile mil., per servic. mil.; ROSAMUNDA et ALICIA sunt ejus fil. et coh. 36 Hen 8 [1544-5]. *Folio 107.*

The latter gives another name, for the elder daughter of Charles Stansfeld, and if the entry is from an inquisition post mortem, as it seems to be, it also supplies the date of his death.

In 1532, the prior and convent of Lewes, the rectors of Halifax, leased the great tithes, to Robert Waterhouse, for 99 years, afterwards extended by two more terms, of 99 years each. A composition was made, and recorded in the ecclesiastical court at York, under date, 28th November, 1536; and in consequence of disputes, a deed was executed, in 1558, reciting the original agreement. This contains the names of all the landowners, in the parish of Halifax, in 1536, except some few, who were afterwards admitted to the composition. Two knights, five esquires, and five gentlemen, are mentioned, by themselves, at the head of the list. They are copied below, along with the total of the tithe composition, paid by them :—

	£	s.	d.
Sir Henry Sayvell, knight. ... ..	3	14	1½
Sir Stephen Hamerton, knight. ... ..	1	1	1
John Lacy of Crumwellbothome, esq. ... ..	1	0	0
Henry Sayvell of Copley, esq. ... ..	1	15	0½
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	£	s.	d.
Hughe Lacy of Brerley, esq. ... ..	6	1	
JAMES STANSFELDE, esq. ... ..	1	1	11
Arthur Pilkenton of Bradley, esq. ..	1	1	8
John Sayvell of Newe hall, gent. ...	8	0	
Thomas Sayvell of Eckesley, gent. ...	3	4	
Thomas Sayvell of Blaithroide, gent. ...	11	10	
Thomas Sayvell of Clyfton, gent. ...	4	4	
Oliver Lockewodde of Skircoite, gent. ...	6	8	

The following are the amounts, paid by the members of the Stansfeld family, with a few other items of interest :—

JAMES STANSFELD esq. p.l. {for his own proper lands} in Stansfelde... ..	12	8
For Over Hawkesclough, in Soureby. ...	4	
For p.l. in Waddesworth, called Redicar, Winter Roide, and the halfe of Hill-house. ... ..	5	0
For p.l. in Norlande. ... ..	2	10
For p.l. in Langefelde. ... ..	1	1
Sume £ 1 1 11.		
THOS. STANSFELDE, p.l. in Sowerby. ..	3	9
The heires of EDW <sup>d</sup> . STANSFELDE, p.l. in Airingden.	3	7
XPOFER STANSFIELD, for the Landes of John Beamond of Mirfelde, within Skircoite. ...	1	4
Wm Migeley of Wadsworth, for the lands late of HUGH STANSFIELD there. ... ..	4	2
Sir John Paslewe, Chanter of the Chantry called Hunter Chantry, for five closes in Halifax and Skircoite, nere Shaysike, belonging to the same Chantry. ... ..	1	6

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EDMOND STANSFELD, p.l. in Stansfeld ... ..	1	6
John Crosley, p.l. in do. ... ..	1	9½
The Landes lienge in Stansfeld, w <sup>h</sup> . belong to the Chantry of S. Mary, in the Church of Heptonstall. .. ..	1	0
John Mitchell of Stansfelde, p.l. in Stansfelde... ..	7	6
John Estwood. do. ... ..	3	4
Henry Sutcliffe. do. ... ..	1	3
John Horsfall of Eastwoode. do. ... ..	2	1

	s.	d.
Richd. Hole, p.l. in Stansfelde. ... ..	1	11
Wm. Greenewod. do. ... ..	1	11
Item, in Sowreby under Cales, called Cales House.	11	
John Wilkenson, p.l. in Stansfeld. ... ..	2	7
Item, do. in Wadsworth. ... ..	1	4
Wm. Woode, do. in Stansfeld, called Motherholle.	1	5
Item, do. in Sowerby, called Paleshouse als.		
Motherholles [Mutterholes]. ... ..	11	
John Robtshay, p.l. in Stansfeld. ... ..	1	4½
Richd. Horsfall of Stansfeld, p.l. there. ... ..	1	9
Item, p.l. in Langefeld. ... ..	7	
do. in Sowerby, called Scoyte. ... ..	3	
THOMAS STANSFELDE of Stansfelde, p.l. called		
Holingerake Holme. ... ..	2	
Item, p.l. in Langefelde, called Horsewoode.	4	
Item, p.l. called Higgyne Chambre. ... ..	1	3
THOS. STANSFELD, p.l. in Estwoode, w <sup>th</sup> in		
Stansfeld. ... ..	3	4
Item, p.l. in Soureby Deyne. ... ..	1	5
Robt. Horsfall, and his mother, p.l. in Stansfeld.	3	6
Item, p.l. in Wadsworth. ... ..	1	4
Oliver Wentworth, p.l. in Stansfeld. ... ..	3	6
Sume £ 2 8 3.		

The following is from the calendar of state papers :—

*S.P. Pat. p. r. m. 23.* 5th February 1523-4. A Release to Sir Richard Tempest, as late Sheriff of Yorkshire, and of his bail, Th. Tempest of Bradford, and JAMES STANSFELD of Stanfeld, from their recognizances, of 100 marks, entered into, 10th November 8th Henry 8 [1516]. Dated, Westminster, 15th Henry 8th.

#### V.—EDWARD STANSFIELD.

Edward Stansfeld, son and heir of James Stansfeld of Hartishead and Stansfeld, married Margery, daughter of Edward Taylor of Horsseidge, and had issue, James, son and heir, of whom next, Edmund, Edward, and Luke Stansfeld.

He has already been mentioned, as a supervisor, in the will of Robert Sutcliffe of Mayroyd, in 1530-1.

In an agreement made at York, before Dr. Rokeby and Dr. Farley, 12th March 1561-2, between Christopher Ashburne, vicar of Halifax, and the inhabitants of the chapelry of Eland, respecting small tithes, the following represent the inhabitants, John Lacy of Leventhorp, EDWARD STANSFELD of Stansfeld, Henry Savile of Bradley, Robert Ramsden of Rastrick, John Hanson of the same, and Tho: Brooksbank of Eland.

The above names represent the principal families in the neighbourhood. Edward Stansfeld occurs in a list of freeholders of Yorkshire, in 1561.

Another Edward Stansfeld [of Erringden] occurs at this time, and it is difficult to differentiate between the two; but as he is termed a clothier, the term Mr. or esquire, marks the Edward Stansfeld of Stansfield. An Edward Stansfeld was supervisor of the will of Edmund Shakilton of Stansfeylde, 8th April 1571.

*Vol. xxi. folio 89a.* Dated 10th April 1575, proved 15th January 1575-6.

Robert Thomas of Stansfeld, bequeathed to Richard Dobson, for two years, a close called Beane Hoile, which he had by indenture of Mr. EDWARD STANSFELD, esquier. Residue, to his eldest son, Robert, younger son, Henry, and daughter, Isabell Thomas. Robert Thomas of Woodhouse, to have the tuition of Henry. Wife, Isabell, executrix; John Thomas of Woodhouse and Richard Horsfall of Mankinholes, overseers.

An Edward Stansfeld was appointed an overseer of the will of John Horsfall of Rodwallend, in Stansfield, in 1578. Edward Stansfeld of Stansfield, armiger, released Grenehurst to Edmund Barker, 7th Elizabeth [1564-5].

*Vol. xxij. folio 305.* Dated 1st October 1582, proved 17th January 1582-3.

Robert Aickroid of the p'she of Heptonstall, bequeathed to Agnes, his wife, the half of Grenehurste, during the term of years, set down in a pair of indentures, betwixt his master, EDWARD STANSFELD, and himself.

William Hargreaves of Stansfield, who made his will, 2nd January 1583-4, names that he has a farmhold, on lease, from Edward Stansfeld, esquier.

Some of these mentions may refer to Edward, the third son, whose will is as follows :—

*Vol. xxxix. folio 91b.* Dated 6th March 1625, proved 5th March 1626-7.

EDWARD STANSFELD of Halifax, gentleman, bequeathed to JAMES and ROBERT, sons of his nephew, JAMES STANSFELD of Wakefield, £20 each. To Susanna, Priscilla, Sara and Elizabeth, daughters, and to Hugh, son, of his sister, Suzan Farrer, 20s. each. To his god-daughter, Grace, daughter of his nephew, John Farrer, and to his godson, Edward Hincliffe, 10s. each. To his sister, Suzan Farrer, all his household goods. His nephew, John Farrer, he appointed executor.

William Harrison of Halifax, yeoman, gave to the free school at Heath, a parcel of land, 30 roods by 15, at Back lane end, in Halifax, by deed, dated 21st February 1612-3; and seisin was delivered, 11th March 1613-4, in the presence of Edward Stansfeld, Henry Savile, Jo. Smithson, John Harrison, George Bentley, and Humphrey Drake.

EDMUND STANSFELD, second son of Edward Stansfeld of Stansfeld, married Frances, daughter of Sir Peter Mewtas, knight, and widow of Henry Howard, second viscount Howard of Bindon; who had been maid of honour, to Queen Elizabeth. Henry Howard was the eldest son of Thomas Howard, the second son of Thomas, duke of Norfolk, by his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Stafford, duke of Buckingham, who bore: France and England quarterly, a border, argent. Thomas Howard, brother of the famous earl of Surrey, was created viscount Howard of Bindon, 13th January 1559. He married four times, and by his first wife, Elizabeth, younger daughter and co-heir of John, lord Marney, had, with others, Henry, who succeeded him in the title. Henry, second viscount, married as above, and had issue, an only daughter, Douglas, who married Arthur Gorge, who died in 1590, leaving issue, a son, Ambrose Gorge. The above follows the pedigree from Heralds' College; but see also the pedigree of the duke of Norfolk, in Foster's *Yorkshire Families*, Burke's *Extinct Peerage*, &c. The following is from the printed calendars of state papers :—

2nd June 1595. Judgment given in the Court of Wards, touching the dower of Frances, widow of Henry, late viscount Howard of Bindon, for a commission to persons, nominated by EDM. STANSFIELD, her husband, and by Arthur Gorges, trustee of the heir of the viscount, for settlement of the dower, and of her right to a third, in all the manors and lands of the said Earl [sic], taken from the time of his death ; the Escheator of Dorchester, having only assigned her a part of the same (1¼ pages). (*S.P. Dom. Eliz. vol. 252. No. 47.*)

Edmund Stansfeld is mentioned in the following will, as having sold a portion of his property, in Stansfeld :—

*Vol. xxviii. folio 177a.* Dated 28th May 1592, proved 10th August 1600.

Edmond Barker of Stansfeild, yeoman, mentioned that he had lately purchased of EDMOND STANSFEILD of Stansfeild, esquire, a capital messuage called Grenhurst, and all lands &c. and also two closes called Reedlees, lying on either syde of the water of Calder, and adjoining to the same, then in the occupation of Robert Aykroyde thelder, John Aykroyde, Margaret Aykroyde, Robert Aykroyde the younger, John Crosley als. Thompson, Richard Aykroyde, Edward Aykroyde, William Beane and John Sutcliffe ; and also all ways, with cart and carriage, on and through the lands of the said EDMOND STANSFEILD, between Houghstones gate and the Hall House, in Stansfeild.

He devised to his eldest son and heir apparent, Thomas Barker, the new house and barne, latlie buylded in a close called Hoyloyde ; and a house and barn, now buylded, standing at the head of my Hayes, under Wharlow ; also all messuages and lands &c. p'cell of the premises, in occupation of me, of John Heape, John Aykeroyde als. Peckes, Charles Walker and John Sowtell ; and one way, with cart and carriage, from the New House, upon the Royd, to Houghston yate, through any of my grounds, as shalbe seen most convenient, at disc'n. of four neighbours ; and all lease of Reedlee, of demise of JAMES STANSFEILD of Stansfeild esquire, in the township of Stansfeild. To him, and his heirs male ; in default, to second son, Edmond Barker, and heirs male ; in default, to youngest son, William Barker, and heirs male ; and in default, to right heirs.

Also all plowes, cartes, yokes, chaynes and all other thinges belonging to my oxen ; excepte and reservinge out of this present

gift and bequeast, one pece of land, lying in the Lower end of a pece of ground, called John Aykeroyd als. Peckes roye, that is, frome the upp' side of one holley tre, standing in the upp' rowe, in the upp' side of the close, and one Hatharne, standing in the lower corn' of the said close; and also except all ould houses and buyldinges, standing upon the afforesaid primisses, or any p'te therof; which pece of grouūd, and ould houses aforesaid, I do give and bequeath to my sonne, Edmond Barker, the fences betwixt the same, to be made, equallic betweene the said Thomas and Edmond, with liberty to Edmond, to use the old houses, for 20 years, and then, in one year, to pull them down, or they to remain to son Thomas.

To sons, Edmond and William Barker, a messuage called the Lower Grenehurst, together with way, for cart and carriage and cattle, from there to the Wharlow. One moiety to Edmond, and heirs male; the other moiety to William, and heirs male.

To son, Edmond, all term of years in lands and tenements, in the parish of Blackborne, and all plows &c., timber and chests, beds &c. there.

To son, William, a tenement called Hill house, in the township of Stansfeld, during the lease, from one Abraham Michaell.

To daughter, Isabel, wife of Abraham Crosley, £26 13s. 4d.; to daughter Anne, 100 marks; and to servant, John Shereborne, for life, the new house under Wharlow, and the two closes belonging, or else, 30s. a year. He appointed his wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Edmond, executors.

I, Michell Wilson of Barkisland, did read this will, before the testator, the xxj<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill, last past, and he did confirm the same &c.

Teste me, Michael Wilson, curate att Crostone.

The wills of his son, and widow, will be found further on.

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## VI.—JAMES STANSFIELD.

James Stansfeld, son and heir of Edward Stansfeld, married Alice, daughter of Edmund Barker of Stansfeld. He died in London, 30th November 1602. He is probably the same, who was bailiff of the manor of Halifax, in 1563; and appears in the

following chancery proceedings, in connection with his office. But as he has a grant of the office of bailiff of Halifax, in August, 32nd Elizabeth [1590], from Robert Tempest, and granted the same, to Robert Waterhouse, in July, 33rd Elizabeth [1591], it is not unlikely, that the bailiff in 1563, was his uncle.

Duchy of Lancaster Pleadings, *Vol. xvi. Sec. 8*, 5th Elizabeth [1563].

JAMES STAUNSFELD the Queen's Bailiff, and in Right of a Commission of Escheat, against Edward Brookesbanck and Robert Mygeley. Land, Tenements and Hereditaments of Richard Shawe, attainted of Murder. Hallyfax Manor, Warley.

To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir Ambrose Cave, knt. Chancellor &c. In most humble wise &c. "Your Orator, JAMES STAUNSFELD, the Queen's Mat's Bailie, of her highness' Manor of Hallyfax, in the Countie of York, parcel of her Mat's Duchie of Lancaster," &c. Setting forth :—

That by virtue of the Queen's Majesties Commission, under the seal of this Court, directed to Richard Beamont, John Key, Henry Savell and Richard Bonny Esqs., Plaintiff was appointed, to receive and take to the Queen's use, all the profits &c. of all the manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments of Richard Shawe of Warley, York, lately attainted of Murder, and by reason of the same, came to the Queen's hands, as excheted lands, in the right of the Duchy of Lancaster; and Plaintiff took, and had quiet use to the Queen accordingly, and levied and received the profits &c. for the said Queen, without disturbance, until now of late, one Edward Brookesbanck and Robert Mygeley, Yeomen, have entered into the premises, and expulsed plaintiff, and unjustly do receive the same, so that plaintiff cannot answer to the Queen, on his account, not only to the great loss, hinderance and disinherison of her majesty, but to the great contempt of her laws.

Therefore, praying the usual writ to answer, and appear before Duchy Chamber at Westminster, and further to abide by the order of the Honorable Court.

There is no answer attached to this bill, to shew what further was done, but the calendar contains the following additional references to the matter.



*Vol. xij. Sec. 12.* 4th Elizabeth [1562].

William Fleetewoode, the Queen's Sergeant, against Richard Shawe, claiming by Grant from King Edward the 6th. A Capital Messuage called Pacock House, otherwise Archar house, with divers Messuages, Lands and Tenements, in Warley Township.

*Vol. xxj. Sec. 7.* 6th Elizabeth [1565].

Richard Shawe, claiming by Inheritance from Richard Shawe, his father, as seized in Fee, and administrator of his Goods and Chattels. Against Edward Walton, Edward Brokesbanke, John Whitehead, and John Midgeley, claiming by surrender from John Shawe, as seized in Fee. Claims to Rent, for a Tenement, as above, in Warley Township, Sourebye Gr.

*Vol. xxiv. Sec. 4.* 7th Elizabeth [1565].

Richard Shawe, otherwise Shaghe, claiming as Son and Heir of Richard Shawe, who was seized in Fee. Against Gilbert Brookesbanke, John Whitehedd and others, claiming as above.

*Vol. xlv. Sec. 6.* 14th Elizabeth [1572].

Gilbert Brokesbancke, against Richard Shawe. A close called Threaphurste, in Warley.

Subsequent records would seem to prove, that Richard Shawe recovered possession of Archerhouse, or Peacockhouse. In 1537, John Shawe of the Archerhouse, witnessed the will of Edward Saltonstall of Saltonstall, along with Robert Ratclyf, p'ste. In 1579, the will of John Sladen of Saltonstall, clothier, was witnessed by Richard Saltonstall of Saltonstall, Thomas Wood and Richard Shaw of Archerhouse.

*Vol. xxxj. folio 226 b.* Dated 5th October 1607, proved 24th January 1609-10.

Richard Shaw of Paicockehouse, mentioned his wife, Elizabeth, and his sons, Edward and Michael. He bequeathed £3 6s. 8d. each, to his son, John, and his children, Thomas and Elizabeth. Also £6 13s. 4d. each, to Richard, James and Edmund, children of his eldest son, Richard Shaw.

There is a tradition, mentioned by Watson, that Richard Deyne of Deynehouse, Midgley, who left 13s. 4d. yearly, to the chapel of Luddenden, in 1526, bequeathed it, on account of having killed, in a duel, a Brooksbank of Bankhouse, Warley. It is not

unlikely, that it is a confused lingering memory, of the murder mentioned in the above proceedings.

*Vol. xj. folio 205 b.* Dated 15th July, proved 3rd August 1536.

John Whitehede of Mygelaye, mentioned his wife, Maude, and his daughters, Elizabeth, Agnes, Isabell and Alyson. Witness, Robert Ratclyff, priest.

"Also I gyf and bequeathe unto the hallowing of the chapell of Sainte Marie, at Lodyngdeyne, vs."

*Vol. xj. folio 273 b.* Dated 2nd November, proved 11th December 1537.

Gilbert Shawe of Midgley, mentioned his wife, Agnes, and his bastard sons, John and James Shawe.

"And I bequeathe to the reconciling of the chapell of Luddingden, iij li. vjs. viijd."

It is too wild a guess to hazard, that the murder by Richard Shawe, took place in Luddenden chapel, in existence in 1526; and the above bequest, large for those days, was for the purpose of the re-consecration, which would be necessary, after such a pollution, by the shedding of blood.

James Stansfeld, the bailiff of the manor of Halifax, who seized, in the name of the queen, the property of Richard Shawe, mentioned in 1563, could hardly be the same, who had a grant of the office, from the steward, in 1590, unless he had previously resigned the appointment. It is far more reasonable to suppose, that it was a new appointment, to the subject of this section, upon the death of a preceding bailiff, James Stansfeld, probably his uncle. It was possibly on account of his age, that he passed the appointment on, to Robert Waterhouse, evidently the lord of the rectory manor; as he died, as the following inquisition shews, not very long afterwards.

*Miscellaneous Chancery Inquisitions Post Mortem.* 1st James I. [1603]. Public Record Office. *Part ix. No. 54.*

YORK. An inquisition indented, taken at Halifax, in county York, on Sept<sup>r</sup>. 2nd, 1st James 1st [1603], before Walter Bethell esq<sup>re</sup>, Escheator, after the death of JAMES STANSFIELD, late of Hartisheade, in the said county, esqre., by the oaths of William Savile esqre., William Platts gent., Henry Savile gent., Daniel

Briggs, George Ledell, John Bayrstowe, Christopher Savile, John Whytley, Richard Brearey, John Wilkinson, John Smyth, Michael Rydinge, and Thomas Savile.

Who say, that the said James Stansfield, on the day when he died, was seised in his demeane, as of fee tail, viz., to him and his heirs males, lawfully, of and in, one capital messuage or tenement, called Stansfield Hall, and of and in eight other messuages or tenements, and three cottages, one water corn mill, with appurts. in Stansfield; and of and in 5 bovats of land, and divers other lands, meadows, woods, &c., to same belonging, and occupied, in Stansfield, county York.

And of, and in, another messuage or tenement, called Hartishead Hall, with appurts. in Hartishead, and 2 other messuages, and 3 cottages, and divers lands, meadows and closes in Hartishead, late of the heirs of EDWARD STANSFIELD esqre., deceased, late father of the said James.

And of and in, one other messuage, and seven closes of land, meadow and pasture, with the same usually occupied, with the appurts. in Myrffield, at a place there, called Nunbrooke Yate; and of and in one little close of meadow, with the appurts., in Myrffield at a bridge called Ravensbridge, which property in Myrffield, late was of the heirs of John Hopton esqre. Of the premises so seised, he, the said James Stansfield, died November 30th, last before the taking of this inquisition, in the city of London.

The Jurors say, the premises and tenements in Stansfield, were held of Edward Savile esqre., son and heir of Henry Savile, knt., deceased, as of his manor of Stansfield, York, in free and common soccage, by fealty and annual rent of 15d. for all services, and valued in all issues, besides reprises, £3 13s. 4d.

And the tenement and premises in Hartishead, were held of the king, as of his commandry of Newland, and at the death of the said James, of the queen, as of her commandry of Newland, York, parcel of the possessions of the late hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, in England, lately dissolved, in free soccage, by fealty and the annual rent of 13d., for all services and demands, and valued, in all issues, besides reprises, 40s.

And the aforesaid lands and premises in Myrffield, were held of George Savile, knt, and the heirs of William Hepworth, late of Myrffield, deceased, as of his manor of Myrfield, in free soccage, and suit of court, of the manor of Myrfield, and by the annual rent of 3s. 2d., and valued, per annum, in all issues, besides reprises, 20s.

And JAMES is son and heir of the said James Stansfeld, and aged, at the death of his father, 24 years and more. The said James held no other lands of the king.

"Mr. James Stansfeild of Stansfeild" in 1587, was appointed overseer, in the will of John Stansfeild of Hartley Royd, already given ; and also in the following :—

*Vol. xxiv. folio 1440a.* Dated 20th April, proved 25th September, 1593.

Abraham Michell of Th'estwoode, in Stansfeild, yeoman, mentioned JOHN STANSFEILDE, a tenant of one of his messuages, and also appointed, as one of the supervisors, JAMES STANSFEILDE of Stansfeilde, esquire.

He is also mentioned, in the will of Edmund Barker, his father-in-law, dated 1592, already given. But it is evident, that he married, previously, Margaret, daughter of John Lacy of Leventhorp, whose will is as follows :—

*Vol. xxij. folio 284a.* Dated 2nd September, proved 10th November 1582.

John Lacye of Leventhorp, esq. appointed John Wilkinson of Halifax, one of his supervisors, and as executors, his children and sons-in-law, JAMES STANSFELD, Thomas Leighe, Thomas Wood, John Lacye, Nicholas Lacye, William Lacye, and Dorothe Watterhouse, widow. He bequeathed to :—

"Mary, daughter of Walter Hartley and my daughter Elizabeth, £3. To Ellen, daughter to said Dorothe Watterhouse, £6 13s. 4d. To grandchildren, Anne and Helen, daughters of my son, Richard Lacye ; the children of Thomas Wood, by his wife, my daughter, Rosamond ; Francis, and two daughters of Walter Paslew, by my daughter, Ellen, late his wife ; three daughters of my son, Nicholas Lacye ; and three daughters of my son-in-law, JAMES STANSFELD, by my daughter, Margaret.

"To John, son of eldest son, Richard Lacye, theis p'cells of armarie followeing, that is to saie, one corslet wth. the furniture thearunto belonging, two plate cote wth. sleeves, one tente, two billes or leade males, one speare, one bowe, and a sheaffe of arrwes, and one gun, cauled a Calover. To my cozen, John Lacye of Brearley, esquier, the elder, one fishing net, cauled the ould seane."

The above will is a valuable supplement to the pedigree, given in Foster's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, pp. 330-1, and also to that in Wilson's MSS., vol. I, page 231, in the Leeds library. It is a strange and unaccountable fact, and illustrates the amount of reliance, to be placed upon the pedigrees, given in visitations, that although Richard Lacy signs the pedigree, there is no mention of his sisters, Elizabeth and Margaret; and the amount of errors and omissions, in the names, &c., is simply marvellous.

JOHN LACY of CROMWELLBOTHOM. = JOAN, daughter and heiress of "Who is descended lineally of Robert Lacy, that came in with William the Conqueror." *Harleian MSS. 1110 folios 61-2b.* Thomas Leventhorp. [Second wife.]

JOHN LACY of CROMWELLBOTHOM = ANN, daughter of Richard Tempest, and sister of Sir John Tempest, steward of the manor of Wakefield in 1563, &c. [See reference, page 137.] LEVENTHORP. Will dated 1582.

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| 1. RICHARD LACY, son and heir, married ALICE, daughter of Laurence Towneley of Barnside, and had issue, John, Ann, and Ellen Lacy. | 2. JOHN LACY, married ..... Hole, of Scammonden, and had issue, John and Ann Lacy. | 4. NICHOLAS LACY, married Alice, daughter of Brian Hardy, and had issue, Lucy, Alice and Bridget Lacy. |
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| 5. PETER LACY, died young.   | MARGARET LACY, married JAMES STANSFELD, and had issue, three daughters. | ELLEN LACY, married Walter Paslew, and had issue, Francis and two daughters. She married secondly, Thomas Leighe. |
| 3. WILLIAM LACY, ordained priest at Rome, sent hither a missionary, and was, with Edward [Richard?] Kirkman, another missionary, executed at York, 22 Aug. 1582. [ <i>Vide Challoner's Missionary Priests, Vol. I. pp. 128-34.</i> ] | ELIZABETH LACY, married Walter Hartley, and had issue, Mary Hartley.    | ROSAMOND LACY, married Thomas Wood, and had issue.  |
|  |   | DOROTHY LACY, married John Waterhouse of Hollings, in Warley, and had issue.                                      |

William Lacy, the Romanist missionary, executed 22nd August, 1582, could hardly be the above William Lacy, as he is mentioned in his father's will, dated 2nd September, eleven days afterwards.

It is evidently by this connection with the Lacy family, that Thomas Stansfeld of Higginchamber, in Sowerby, was "greatly frended, kined, and allied in the said countye, as well

as unto the Steward of the Court of Wakefield." [See pages 134-7.] Sir John Tempest, knight, was then steward, son of Sir Richard Tempest, sheriff of Yorkshire, for whom James Stansfeld was surety; and uncle of Margaret Lacy, who married James Stansfeld, the son of the last-named. The connection between James Stansfeld of Stansfield, and Thomas Stansfeld of Higginchamber, in Sowerby, however, yet remains to be elucidated, although there is no room to doubt that it existed.

#### VII.—JAMES STANSFIELD.

James Stansfeld, son and heir of James Stansfeld of Stansfield and Hartishead, was aged 24, at his father's death, in 1602. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Holden of Holden, co. Lancaster, who bore: Sable, a fess, between two chevrons, ermine; between the fess and the upper chevron, a covered cup, or. The pedigree of Holden of Holden, in Whitaker's *History of Whalley*, page 304, gives the arms as: Argent, an escocheon in an orb of six eaglets, displayed, gules; as cut over the entrance to Holden Hall. The same pedigree, besides giving Elizabeth, who married James Stansfeld of Stansfeld, states her sister, not named, married Christopher Stansfeld of Yorkshire.

Robert Holden, who signed the pedigree, at the Visitation of Lancashire, by Richard St. George, in 1613, married Alice, daughter of Nicholas Banester of Altham, and his son and heir, Raufe, was then aged 32, and had a son and heir Robert, Holden, then aged eleven. The last named was living and had a grandson, Robert, son of Raphe, aged 10, when Sir William Dugdale made another Visitation, 8th April, 1665. The following entries are in Hartishead register, which begins, 4th May 1612:—

- 1614 Nov. 20. Katharine d. of James Stansfeld, esq. bap'd.
- 1616 Nov. 3. Jane, of James Stansfeld, esq. bap.
- 1619 Dec. 18. Elizabeth, of James Stansfeld, esq. bap.
- 1622 May 20. John, of James Stansfeld, esq. bap.

Another son is named in the nuncupative will of his great grand-mother, whose husband's will has already been given :—

*Vol. xxxiv. folio 295 b.* Dated 4th or 5th, and proved 27th December 1616.

Elizabeth Barker of the Grenehirste, in Stansfeild, widow of Edmund Barker, deceased, bequeathed to Nathan Crosley £6; to JAMES STANSFEILD, her great-grandchild, £10; and the residue to her eldest daughter, ALICE, and son, William Barker, whom she appointed executor. Witnesses, JAMES STANSFEILD esq. and Robarte Farrer.

Another son, was Ashton, admitted at Gray's Inn, 18th June 1621, of whom next.

Robert, another son, is named in the will of his great-uncle, Edward Stansfeld, already given, dated 1626; and a daughter, Isabell, who married John Page, is named in her father's will, in 1657. The following is the will of the brother-in-law of James Stansfeld, which relationship explains the trust reposed in him :—

*Vol. xxxiv. folio 163a.* Dated 26th April 1615, proved 27th August 1616.

Edmund Barker of Stansfield, yeoman, bequeathed to his son and heir apparent, Edmund, a messuage, which he had lately bought of his brother, Thomas Barker, called Upper Grenehurst, in Stansfeild, in the occupation of testator, his mother, Elizabeth, and John Robert. In default of heirs, remainder to his daughter, Elizabeth Barker.

Also to his son, Edmund, two fifths of a close called Redylee, in Stansfeild, which he late bought of JAMES STANSFEILD of Harteshead, esq., after he be 21 (in the interim, to the use of his daughter, Elizabeth,) on paying £60, in two years, to his daughter, Elizabeth. The same payment to be made, in or at the p'ishe church porch of Heptonstall.

To Abm. Coulthurst of Burneley, George Halstead of Stansfeild, Robert Farrer of Longfeild, William Barker of Stansfeild and Richard Halstead of Habbergham Eaves, yeomen, my lease of 5 closes in Stansfeild, called the two tode carres, the two long holmes and the Cowfolds, for payment of my debts and legacies.

Also a messuage, called Lower Grenchurst, to let and lease for 21 years, for the same purpose; then the reversion to remain to son, Edmund.

Also a messuage at Clayton, in Lee Daile, co. Lancaster, leased to me, from Mr. John Talbot of Sailesburye, deceased, for 19 years, for same purpose, and the preferment of daughter, Elizabeth, in marriage. Wife, Grace, her part of goods; residue to daughter, Elizabeth. Guardianship and tutorship of son and daughter, to wife, and father-in-law, Robert Chadwick; but if she marry, or he die, then to JAMES STANSFELD of Harteshead, esq. and Robert Ferrar of Ould Roide, yeoman.

The sum of £60, mentioned in the above, to be paid in the porch of Heptonstall church, within two years after the attainment of his majority, by Edmund Barker, only son of the testator, to his sister, Elizabeth Barker, was the consideration money, paid to James Stansfeld of Stansfield, esq. in 1612, by the said Edmund Barker, the testator, for a conveyance of two-fifths of Redelye, in Stansfield. The Heptonstall registers give the following information, respecting this connection:—

- 1600 Aprill. Edmund's Barker de Stan. sepult. xxvij die.
- 1615 Aprill. Edmonde Barker, Stan. sepult. ix die.
- 1616 December. vidua Edmundi Barker, Stan. sep. 9 die.
- 1621 August. George Stansfeild et Grace Barker [nupt.] 28 die.
- 1622 July. Thomas fill. (sic) George Stansfeilde, Sta. bap. 7 die.
- 1625 Aprill. uxor George Stansfeild, Sta. [sepult.] 3 day.
- 1626-7 January. Robt. Chadwicke, Sta. sepult. 19 day.

George Stansfeld, who married Grace, the widow of Edmond Barker, brother-in-law of James Stansfeld of Hartishead, was of Adam Royd in Stansfield, and will be mentioned under that heading. It is exceedingly probable, that he was a relative of the latter, who would, by this marriage, obtain the guardianship of Edmund and Elizabeth Barker. The will of George Stansfeld, is printed elsewhere, the following is that of his father-in-law:—

*Vol. xliij. folio 487a.* Dated 30th June 1623, proved 3rd May, 1635.

Robert Chadwicke of Grenchurst, in the parish of Heptonstall, yeoman, stated he had paid £110, debts of Edmond Barker,



deceased; and bequeathed his property, to his grandchildren, Edmond Barker and THOMAS STANSFELD, remainder to his daughter, GRACE, wife of GEORGE STANSFELD.

James Stansfeld sold most of the family possessions, and amongst them, Stansfield Hall, to John Pilling, who married Mary, daughter of George Stansfeld of Adamroyd. Hartishead Hall &c. he also sold, and then seems to have resided in Wakefield, for some time, as he is called of that place, in the will of his uncle, Edward Stansfeld, in 1626. He was evidently connected with the manor court, and probably steward; as the Sowerby constable's accounts, for 7th October, 1649 (see page 155), have an item:—

It. payed to MR. STANSFELD for his fee, 15s. od.

The following occur in the subsidy, granted to James I, 19th March, 1604:—

#### HARTSHEAD.

Jacobus Stansfeild, in terris. £6, paid 16s. od.

Rob'tus Rayner, in terris. £1, paid 2s. 8d.

Sma vill est xvijjs viijd.

#### STANSFELD.

Heirs of Eddi. Barker, in terris. £2, paid 5s. 4d.

Eddus Stansfeild, in terris. £1, paid 2s. 8d.

#### WADSWORTH.

Agneta Stansfeild, in terris. £1 10s. od. paid 4s. od.

Assessment for subsidy, granted 7th James I. [1609-10], being 2s. 8d. in lands, and 1s. 8d. in goods, per pound.

#### STANSFELD.

Edmd. Barker, in lands, £1.

Edwd. Stansfield, in lands, £1.

#### WADSWORTH.

Agneta Stansfeild, in lands, £1 10s. od.

The following are extracted from the Kirklees evidences:—

11th November 1612.—William Kitson of Dodworth, son and heir of William Kitson of Hartshead, sells Hartshead Hall, to JAMES STANSFELD of Stansfeld. [Probably a release.]

27th July 1613.—JAMES STANSFELD of Stansfeld, conveys four closes of land, in Hartshead, called Town fields, to John Rayner of Hartshead.

23rd June 1617. JAMES STANSFELD of Stansfeld, and ELIZABETH, his wife, lease premises in Stansfeld, for 8 years, to Thomas Ashton.

9th April 1623. JAMES STANSFELD of Hartshead, to Thomas Whittaker and Hugh Clayton. Bond for performance of covenants, contained in a pair of indentures, of this date.

This is evidently the virtual sale of the Hartishead property, to Hugh Clayton ; as bonds, to the amount of £7240, occur, dated 13th October, 1640, from Charles Townley of Townley, John Plompton of Plompton, and Hugh Clayton of Hartishead, to John Armytage and Francis his son, of Kirklees, for performance of covenants.

He sold a message, called Heyhead, in Stansfield, to Simon Stansfeld of Heyhead, mentioned in the will of the latter, dated 1634. He is mentioned, in the will of William Sutcliffe of Rodwellhead, in Stansfield, as holding land there. The following is an abstract of one of a pair of indentures, in the possession of Capt. Stansfeld of Dunninald castle, relating to an exchange of two fields, between John Pilling of Hill house, and James Stansfeld of Stansfield Hall, in 1653.

This indenture, made the nynth day of Aprill, in the yeare of our Lorde, one thousand sixe hundreth ffytie three, betweene JAMES STANSFELD of Stansfield, Esquire, on thone p'ty, and John Pilling of Hilhouse, in Stansfield, yeoman, on th'other p'ty., witnesseth, that the sayd James Stansfield hath given &c. &c. unto the sayd John Pilling, all that close and p'cell of land, called Saughes, scituat in Langfield, heretofore the inheritance of Savile Radcliffe, late of Todmerden, Esquire, now in the tenure and occupacon of Hugh Pilling, father of the sayd John Pilling ; and also one pte. of a fold, adioyning to the Eastside of the Lower barne at Stansfield, as it is now mea'red out, and occupied by the said Hugh Pilling.

To have and to hold, the said close &c. &c. in exchange for one p'cell of land, lying between the Mansion house of the sayd James Stansfield, and the blackrake, as it is now fenced and occupied

by the sayd James Stansfield &c. &c. Provided always, that the water of Calder, within the close called Saughes, shalbe continually fenced and kept, in the usuall and accustomed course, for the use and benefit of the milne, called Stansfield milne. Witnesses, George Stansfield (mark), Thomas Scatchard, and Symeon Lord.

The following is from a deed, in the possession of Thomas Wolryche Stansfeld of Weetwood Grove, Leeds :—

This indenture, made the fourteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, One thousand sixe hundreth fifty-four, between JAMES STANSFIELD of Stansfield, Esquire, of the one p'ty., and John Utley of Warland, in Hundersfield, co. Lancaster, yeoman of the other p'ty.

Witnesseth, that the sayd James Stansfield &c. in consideration of the sum of fyftie pounds &c. hath graunted &c. all that and those, the water corne milne, comonly called Langfield milne, als. Manckinhol milne, and all the houses, buildings, dames, stagnes, goites, attachmente of dammes, with the lib'ties thereof, landes, p'cels of lande, land courses with water fishing, socken and suite of freehold and resiante, and other tenants, tole, multure, courses of water and streames, wayes, waters, comodities, easements, emoluments and hereditaments whatsoever, to the sayd milne belonging, or anywyse ap'tayning, used, demised, occupied or enioyed with the same &c. now in the tenure of the sayd James Stansfield, or his assignes &c.

Sealed &c. in the presence of Charles Radcliffe, Joshua fielden, Paule Greenwood and Symeon Lord.

But this property had not long been in the possession of the family, for 8th James I. [1610-11], George Foxcrofte, Daniel Foxcrofte and Michael Foxcrofte, in consideration of £50, granted, bargained and sold to James Stansfeilde of Stansfeilde, esq., Langfield water corn milne, to hold &c. to James Stansfeilde in fee &c.

Another deed, in the possession of Thomas Wolryche Stansfeld, forms, along with the will of James Stansfeld, an interesting comparison, with the inquisition post mortem of his father, shewing how the Stansfeld estates had become alienated, from the main line of the family, during the tenure of this representative.

To all Xian people, to whom this present writing, indented, shall come, JAMES STANSFELD of Stansfeild, in the County of Yorke, Esquire, sendeth greeting in the Lord everlasting.

Know yee that I, the said James Stansfeild, to the ends, the messuages &c. hereafter menconed, may be settled &c. to such uses &c. as are menconed in my last will &c. have graunted &c. unto George Halsted of the Bankhouse, co. Lancaster, practiconer in phisicke, and unto Edmond Barker of Stansfeild, yeoman, and James Gibson of Briggeroyd in Stansfeild, yeoman.

All that messuage &c. called by the name of the New building, with appurtenances, in Stansfeild, now in the tenure or occupacon of mee, the said James Stansfeild, or my assignes.

And one other messuage or tenement, att the Crostone, in Stansfeild, now in the tenure of William Mitchell.

And one other messuage in Stansfeild, now in the tenure of Paull Widdoppe.

And also one house or cottage in Stansfeild, now in the tenure of John Wilkinson.

And one other house or cottage, att the Crostone, now in the tenure of John Catlaw.

And also one water corne milne in Stansfeild, aforesaid, commonly called Stansfeild Mylne, now in the tenure or occupacon of mee, or my assignes, to the uses of my will &c.

Dated the 15th day of September 1654; sealed &c. in the presence of John Taylor, JAMES STANSFELD, yeoman (mark), Richard Midgley (mark), Simeon Crosley (mark), and Edm. Rigge.

By the date, when the will of James Stansfeld was proved, Whitaker was led to assert, that he died in 1674. But the Hеп-tonstall register records both his, and his mother's burials, as follows :—

1638-9 Mensis ffebruarij. Vidua James Stansfeild de Stansfeild Hall,  
17 day.

1658 March. James Stansfeild of Stansfeild, esq. buried at Crostone,  
the 27.

There can be no doubt, that this is the same James Stansfeld, the father of Ashton Stansfeld. He was aged 24, when his father died, in 1602. Ashton, son and heir of James

Stansfeld of Stansfield, "armiger," was admitted at Gray's Inn, 18th June 1621; so that there is no room for an intermediate generation. The following is a copy of his will:—

*Vol. lv. folio 324b.* Dated 11th January 1657-8, proved 17th February 1674-5.

In the name of God, Amen. I JAMES STANSFEILD of Stansfeild, esquier, by deed of feoffment, 15th September last (1657), granted to Geo: Halstead of the Banckhouse, co: Lancaster, gent. practitioner in phisick, and to Edmond Barker of Stansfeild, yeoman, and to James Gibson of Briggeroyd, in Stansfeild, yeoman.

A messuage called the New building, with appurtenances, in Stansfeild, in my occupation.

A messuage at Crostone, in occupation of Wm. Mitchell, and now of John Law.

A messuage in Stansfeild, in occupation of Paul Widdoppe.

A cottage in Stansfeild, in occupation of John Wilkinson.

A cottage at Crostone, in occupation of John Catlaw.

A water corn milne, called Stansfeild milne, in my occupation, and a kiln called Stansfeild kilne.

All, as feoffees, to uses of my will, *viz.*, to sell all, or such portions as may pay all debts, and also £100, £50 and 20 marks, to be paid in four years. The residue, to use of my grandson, JAMES STANSFEILD of Stansfeild, son of ASHTON STANSFEILD, late of Wakefeild, esq. deceased, my sonne, and of his heires and assigns for ever. The £100 to my daughter, ELIZABETH STANSFEILD. The £50 to FRANCES, daughter of the said ASHTON STANSFEILD. The 20 marks to my daughter, ISABELL, wife of John Page, which with £10 and more, formerly given her, in lieu of £20, which I promised her. All goods, chattelles &c. to said ELIZABETH and FRANCES, joint executors.

JAS. STANSFEILD his mark.

#### VIII.—ASHTON STANSFIELD.

Ashton Stansfeld, son and heir of James Stansfeld of Stansfeld, lived in Wakefield, and may have been the Mr. Stansfeld, to whom the constable of Sowerby paid a fee, in 1640, see page 155. He married the daughter and heiress of Philemon

Speight, of Earls Heaton, near Dewsbury, by whom he had several children, who all died young, without issue. So says the Heralds' College pedigree; but if they died without issue, the heir, at least, did not die young. Ashton Stansfeld had issue, mentioned in his father's will, James, heir of his grandfather, and Frances, a daughter. The pedigree of Flower of Methley, Foster's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, p. 518, gives the wife of Philemon Speight, as Anne, fourth daughter of John Flower of Methley, by Jane, daughter of John Nelson or Nalson of Methley. The arms of Speight are: Argent, on a fess, gules, three pheons, or.

The following is a true copy of an entry, at Gray's Inn, taken June 1885.

*Vol. i. folio 783.* From the original Admission book of Gray's Inn, London. 3. 6. 8. Edw. Mosley.

ASHTON STANSFELD, filius et haeres JACOBI STANSFELD de Stansfeld, in Com. Ebor. Ar. admissus est in Societati huius Hospitij, decimo octavo die Junij Anno. Regni Jacobi Decimo nono, Annoq. D'ni. 1621.

EDW. MOSLEY.

From the brothers and sisters of Ashton Stansfeld, no doubt, many living representatives of the name, are descended. Two branches of the family, more particularly, are selected, as being most probably of this descent. But a marriage in the Heptonstall registers, from the singularity of the occurrence of the name, suggests that the heralds are in error, also, as to the daughter of Ashton Stansfeld, dying young, without issue. The entry is as follows:—

1661 Septembris. Henricus Deane et Francisca Stansfeild nupti fuerunt, 19.

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#### IX.—JAMES STANSFIELD.

JAMES STANSFELD, son of Ashton, and grandson and heir of James Stansfeld, who sold Stansfeld and Hartishead Halls, is mentioned in the will of the latter. He was living in 1684, as the following shews:—

A deed, dated the 18th of August, in the 36th year of the reign of Charles the Second (1684), mentions a JAMES STANSFELD, Esquire, who, with George Halstead, of Manchester, gent., practitioner in physicke, and James Gibson, of Shaw, in Langfield, yeoman, granted to William Sutcliffe of Uppermost Ashes, in Stansfield, yeoman, a close of land called Stansfield Hey, to have and to hold the same, to the end of two years, "for a Redde Rose Rent in the tyme of Roses (if it be demanded)" to the intent, that the said William Sutcliffe might be the better enabled to accept a grant and release of the inheritance. The witnesses were Abraham Gibson, Paul Widdop, John Utley, and Ric. Wadsworth.

This conjunction with the two surviving trustees, mentioned in his grandfather's will, is sufficient to identify this grantor; and the grantee is, no doubt, the same, who purchased Stansfield Hall from Elkanah Horton, 29th May 1696.

He was married, and the Heptonstall register of burials, records those of his wife and himself, as follows:—

1690 September 12. ux. Mr. Jam. Stansfeld, Stan.

1691 July 29. Mr. Jam. Stansfeld, Stan.

His name also occurs in the following wills of the Sutcliffes of Stansfield Hall.

Will dated 4th September 1711, proved 3rd July 1712, registered 26th April 1714.

William Sutcliffe of Stansfield, gent. gave to his son and heir, William Sutcliffe, then living at Stansfield Hall, the messuage and lands appurtenant to Stansfield Hall; Lower Ashes or Beanhoylehead, then in testator's occupation; his property in the Aire and Calder Navigation; the half of two fulling milns in Stansfield, and of a raising miln in Stansfield, in the occupation of testator.

To Robert Sutcliffe, his second son, the messuages, with appurtenances &c. of Greenwood Lees in Heptonstall, then in occupation of said Robert; of Stoneshay Yate, then in the occupation of Thomas Foster; Slaitor Ing, in the occupation of Jonathan Ingham; and of Deanhead in Warley, in the occupation of John Sutcliffe; together with £500 in money.

To John Sutcliffe, his third son, the messuage in which testator then lived (Upper Ashes?); also another messuage, which he had lately purchased of JAMES STANSFELD, gentleman, deceased;

and another messuage adjoining, which he had bought of John Greenwood of Hippines; together with a close called Stoopsfield, in Stansfield; the reversion, on the death of Ann, wife of John Sutcliffe of Colden, of the moiety of another messuage in Stansfield, then in the occupation of John Lee; and the moiety of the two fulling milns, and the raising miln, above mentioned. Also all instruments belonging to cloth dressing.

To John Crossley of Scatecliffe, his son-in-law, 1s.; to Annah Travise, his daughter, £100; and to Elizabeth Halstead, another daughter, £300.

To John Murgatroyd, son of his daughter, Mary, deceased, £200, to be paid him, when of age; but if he die before then, to be equally divided between testator's daughters, Annah Travise and Elizabeth Halstead.

To Sarah Sutcliffe, his wife, £15 per annum, to be paid equally, by his three sons, for her life; also £100 in money, and £20 worth of household goods.

Residue, to his sons, William and John, who are appointed joint executors.

Will dated 13th May, 1726.

William Sutcliffe of Stansfield Hall, yeoman, bequeathed to his son, William, Stansfield Hall, &c.; a sizen millen, alias raising millen, at Beanhole-head; a water corn mill, called Stansfield mill; two closes of land; two fulling mills, called Lob mill; Upper Greenhurst alias Royd, and Lower Greenhurst; all right to wood, in Yoah-hill; the messuage called Worelaw, with &c., except the Redelee, which is in the co. of Lancaster; and all household goods, trading utensils &c. subject to a payment of £300, and £200 to his daughter, Elizabeth Sutcliffe.

To second son, Robert Sutcliffe, Upper Ashes, part of which was bought of JAMES STANSFIELD esquire, deceased, and John Greenwood of Hippines, deceased; Beanhole-head &c.; Ratts of Leeds (?) in Eastwood, in tenure of testator's cozen, Robert Sutcliffe; a messuage called Horsfall, with two cottages adjoining; also Rodwell-head, in tenure of testator's cozen, John Sutcliffe.

Meanwhile, eldest son, William, to have rents, paying to Robert, £100; and £200, to daughter, Sarah Sutcliffe. To his wife, Mary, £30 a-year, £20 from William and £10 from Robert; and also £40 down. Residue, between his two sons; and William Sutcliffe, sole executor.



Will dated 25th June and proved 14th October 1730.

William Sutcliffe of Stansfield Hall, gent. recited that letters of administration of the goods &c. of Elizabeth, late daughter of John Gibson, late of Langfield, had been granted to testator's father, during the minorities of Robert and Sarah Sutcliffe, the late William Sutcliffe's son and daughter of the half blood, which he had by a second wife. JONAS STANSFELD of Shore, yeoman, and John Sutcliffe of Old Royd, yeoman, were his bond, that he would well and truly administer, and would bring up the children.

He therefore charges his estate, to indemnify the bondsmen from any loss; and the reversion, all to his son, William Sutcliffe, and his heirs, on condition, that if testator's wife, Sarah, within six weeks of his decease, and on her attaining the full age of twenty-one, shall give security to said John Sutcliffe, that she will take £30 a-year, in lieu of dower. If she do not, then all is bequeathed to his brother, Robert Sutcliffe, his heirs &c. he paying to testator's sisters, Elizabeth and Sarah Sutcliffe, £100 and £20, respectively. The tuition of his son, William, is committed to his wife, Sarah, the said John Sutcliffe, John Lockwood of Ewood, his father-in-law, and Valentine Stead of Halifax, salter; £10 per annum, to be allowed for his maintenance and tuition, until 21. If he die a minor, all is devised to testator's brother, Robert Sutcliffe.

Probate to John Sutcliffe, erroneously called the son, the others having renounced.

The Sutcliffes, as will be seen by the *Index Nominum*, were a large family, in the neighbourhood. Henry de Southclyff occurs in a deed of 1434, mentioned on page 123; and the spelling of the name there, is sufficient to explain the meaning and origin of the surname. Stansfield corn mill, at Todmorden, is still in the possession and occupation of a William Sutcliffe, who resides at Lower Laith; the present descendant of the Sutcliffes of Stansfield Hall. Sarah Sutcliffe, the daughter of the purchaser of Stansfield Hall, who married John Crossley of Scaitcliffe, died without issue, and was buried at Todmorden, 3rd February 1696-7; and the present descendants of that family, are derived from the second wife of John Crossley, Mary Halstead. This may account for the legacy of one shilling, in his father-in-law's will.

Sarah, the daughter of the second William Sutcliffe of Stansfield Hall, married John Sutcliffe of Colden; and the late James Pearson Sutcliffe, solicitor and antiquary, of Hebden Bridge, was their great-grandson.

The widow of the third William Sutcliffe of Stansfield Hall, Sarah, the daughter of John Lockwood of Ewood, married, secondly, John Ramsden, and thirdly, the Rev. Wm. Grimshaw, a widower, who had previously married Elizabeth Cockcroft of Mayroyd. Their son, John Grimshaw, married Grace Gibson of Bridge Royd. She survived him, and married John Sutcliffe of Hoo-hoile, the widower of Ellen Cockcroft, sister of the above-mentioned Elizabeth Cockcroft of Mayroyd. She also survived him, and married, for her third husband, the Rev. John Crosse, M.A., vicar of Bradford, whose niece, Rachel Bowyer Crosse, married her son, Robert Sutcliffe of Hoo-hoile, by the second husband. The issue of this last marriage, was William Sutcliffe of Bath, mentioned on page 29.

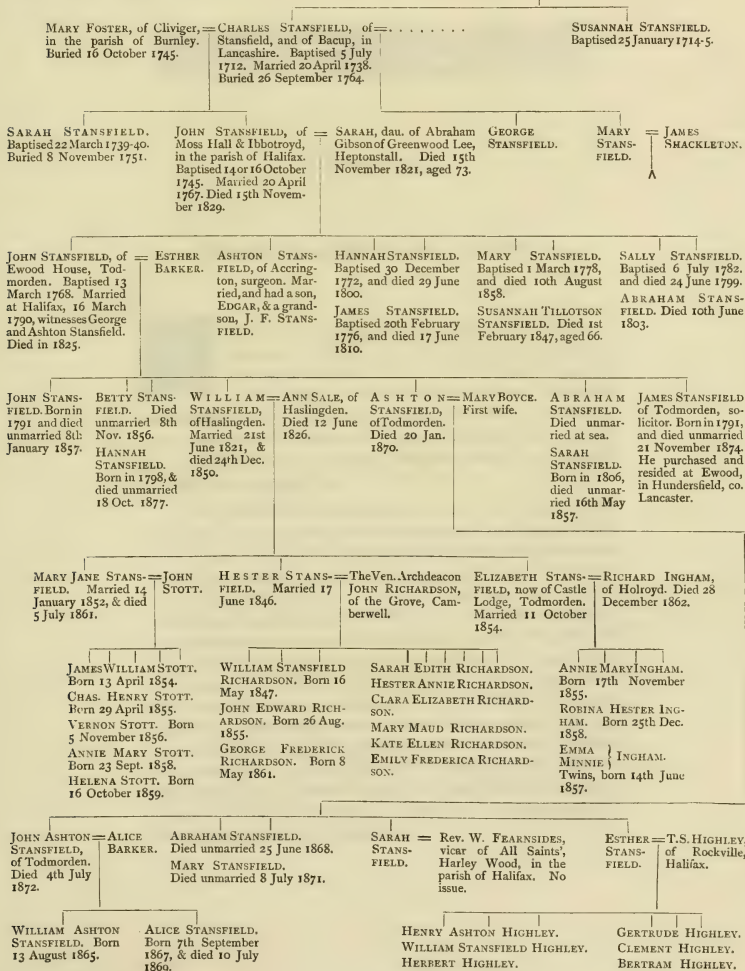
The marriage of John Sutcliffe of Hoo-hoile, who was then about 47 years of age, to the widow of his first wife's nephew; and her subsequent marriage, to the uncle of her son's wife, is a sample of involved genealogy, not uncommon in the secluded valleys of the neighbourhood.



# Stansfield of Ewood and Todmorden.

ARMS: Vert, three goats, statant, argent.  
CREST: On a wreath of the colours, an ibis, proper.  
MOTTO: MEDIO TUTISSIMUS IBIS.

JONAS STANSFIELD, of Stansfield.  
Probably the son of James Stansfield of Shore. [See that pedigree.]







## CHAPTER XVIII.

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### STANSFELD OF EWOOD AND ADAMROYD.

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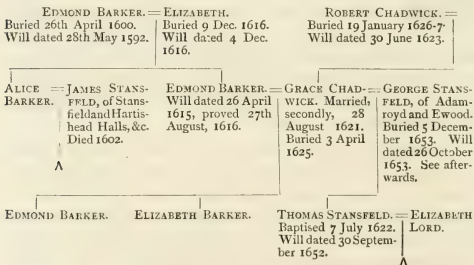
**B**Y the marriage, on the 28th August 1621, of Grace, daughter of Robert Chadwick, and widow of Edmund Barker, the brother of Alice, wife of James Stansfeld of Stansfeld and Hartishead, to George Stansfeld of Adamroyd, the two last named became connected, even if there were no previous relationship by blood. But under the circumstances, this latter is exceedingly probable ; although, at present, it cannot be demonstrated.

The present house at Adamroyd, is quite a modern erection, quite close to Stansfield Hall, and evidently built upon a site, which once formed part of the home lands, belonging to the latter. But whether an older house occupied the same site, seems to be matter of doubt ; as is, unfortunately, any other matter, relating to the past history of Todmorden, as far as the information, possessed by the present inhabitants, extends. But it is not likely that two places, bearing such an uncommon name as Adamroyd, should exist in the same township. No more information, than that contained in the name, is known of the first man, who turned the "waste land" into "royd land," and made an Eden for himself, at Adamroyd. Occupying, at present, a situation between the railway line, at Stansfield Hall station, and the road to Stansfield Hall, it cannot exactly be termed, with the average currency of truth, a paradise. It occurs in the following will, three and a quarter centuries ago :—

*Vol. xvj. folio 148 b.* Dated 8th December 1560, proved 2nd February 1560-1.

Will of Rychard Shepherd of p'ish of Heptonstall. Beyng assessed of estate of inherytance of lands, tenements and hereditaments, within the townshipp of Stansfelde, and in the countye of Yorke, aforesaid, called the Adam Rood, nowe in the tenure of Wyllm. Robert and Nycholas, his brother &c. He bequeathed two parts, to his three youngest children, until twenty years of age. Residue, and also reversion of a farmhold, in Langfield, late in tenure of Edward Midgley, to his wife, Margery, and children. Hugh Garside, overseer; and executors, wife, Margery, and her brother, Thomas Clet.

The connection between the Barkers and Stansfelds, alluded to, will be better understood, by a glance at the following short pedigree:—



George Stansfeld of Adamroyd, whose wife, Grace, *née* Chadwick, was buried 3rd April 1625, must have married again; as his wife, Elizabeth, is named in his will, along with John Greenwood, her son. Evidently, from this latter circumstance, she was a widow; but the marriage does not appear in Heptonstall registers, and the Todmorden registers do not commence so early.

*P.C.C. Register "Alchin" 427.* Dated 26th October 1653, and proved 15th September 1654.

Will of GEORGE STANSFELD of Adam Royd, in the co. of York, yeoman.

My will and mind is, that all those my messuages, lands and tenements, heretofore given, granted and confirmed to THOMAS STANSFELD, my sonn, late deceased, and to his two sonns, THOMAS and GEORGE, my grandchildren, their heirs and assigns for ever, that the same descend, remaine and be, according to the true intent and meaning, of all and every the sayd wryteinge; and I doe further ratifie and confirme the same, in and by this, my last will and testament, in manner and forme following.

I give and bequeathe to my said grandsonne, THOMAS STANSFELD, his heires and assigns for ever, all those two messuages and tenements, with their appurts., in Todmerdon Edge, in the towne of Hundesfeild, now in the tenure and occupation of John Eastwood and John Harwood; and also one parcell of land, being heretofore part of a close, called Ewood Bancke, and is now fenced, enclosed, and made parcell of the aforesaid land, and now occupied and enjoyed together with the premises, and belonging to the same. To hold, &c. for ever, paying to ELIZABETH EASTWOOD, his mother, during life, all such jointure and dower as belongeth to her.

By the name of ELIZABETH STANSFELD, the said Elizabeth Eastwood, sole executrix of her husband, Thomas Stansfeild, deceased, stands bound by bond, for the payment of £60, to my heirs, &c. in satisfaction of the lands I purchased of John Lord. I will that ELIZABETH, my wife, releases all such right, to THOMAS STANSFELD, my grandchild, son of THOMAS STANSFELD; which being done, I bequeath said £60, to JOHN PILLING, my sonne in lawe, being the remainder of £300, of his marriage portion, with MARY, my daughter. But if my wife refuses, then £20 is to remain in the hands of said Elizabeth Eastwood, for the use of Thomas Stansfeild, until the death of my said wife, and then to be paid to the said John Pilling, if Hugh Pilling do not, in the meantime, secure to MARY, my daughter, wife of said John, for her life, such a jointure, as may amount to the yearly value of £20, and to and between her children (except her eldest son) after her death.

And the said Thomas Stansfeild and heirs for ever, in lieu of said parcel of land, bounded and fenced, from Ewood bancke, "shall at all tymes, for ever hereafter, make, maintayne and uphold the hedge wall and fence, att upper end of Ewood Bancke, soe farr as the same is adjoyning the upper lands and the yate, att Ewood bancke topp, for ever."

Also to GEORGE STANSFELD, my grandson, son of Thomas Stansfeild, and his heirs &c., all those my messuages, lands and

tenements, with their appurts., called Ashenhurst, scituate, lying and being in Stansfeild, in the county of Yorke, and now or late, in the tenure and occupation of JOHN STANSFEILD, Widdowe Wilkinson and Chilian Crosley, or some of them, to hold &c. for ever, paying to Elizabeth, my wife, and Elizabeth Eastwood, his mother, all such their rights and jointures, and to THOMAS STANSFEILD, his eldest brother, £60 in 4 years, as already expressed in a deed &c., heretofore made.

To GEORGE STANSFEILD, my sonne, all that messuage and appurts., called Ewood, except before excepted, in Todmerdon, in the said co. of Lancaster, and now in the tenure of Joseph Crosley and John Eastwood, and assigns.

To GEORGE STANSFEILD and JAMES STANSFEILD, my sonns, all that messuage, &c., called Close head, in Hundersfield, co. Lancaster, and in the tenure of JOHN STANSFEILD.

To ABRAHAM STANSFEILD, my sonne, those 2 messuages and 2 cottages, called Lewes Pighill.

To RICHARD and JOHN STANSFEILD, my youngest sonns, all my messuage and appurts., where I dwell, called Adam royd, with all those closes of land, called Crowcaring, Longholmes, Cowfolds and Winsley, heretofore purchased by me, of JAMES STANSFEILD of Stansfeild, esqre., and lying and being in Stansfeild, in the said co. of York, and now in the tenure of me, GEORGE STANSFEILD, Edmund Barker and John Eastwood and assigns; together with all such timber and slate, I bought and prepared for building, on or upon the lands of Robert Halstead, John Crossley of Horsale and Heald, to hold, &c., for ever, and the same to be handed over to said children or grandchildren.

The goods in the house, to be divided, viz. wife to have her bed and chest; and residue, to be divided in three parts, one third to wife, a third to my sons, and the remainder as follows. To wife, £10; to John Greenwood, her sonne, 10s.; to grandchildren, Thomas and George Stansfeild, 10s. each; to Mary Pilling, 10s., and to each of her children, 10s.; and to each of my godchildren, 12d.

Residue to wife, and between sons, George, Abraham, James, Richard and John Stansfeild.

Witnesses, Adam Holden (mark) and Simon Lord.

The mention of Ashenhurst, in the above will, introduces another family, as being connected with the Stansfelds; and



probably, also, the following will explain how the property became the possession of the above testator.

*Vol. xxiv. folio 512a.* Dated 3rd January, and proved 18th March 1590-1.

John Crawshaye of Th'assenhirste, in Stansfelde, bequeathed to his cosin, THOMAS STANSFELD, and his heirs for ever, a messuage and lands, called Ashenhirste; and in default, to his cosin, Hewghe Craweshaye; in default, to his cosin, Richard Craweshaye of Wildsden.

To Hewghe Craweshaye, another messuage and lands, called Bancke, in Stansfeld, in occupation of John Greenwood, and reversion to THOMAS STANSFELD. To his wife, Jenet, he reserved her right. To Jenet, daughter of Thomas Brigg, £6 13s. 4d. To cosyn, JOHN STANSFELD, £3 6s. 8d.; and to servant, ANNE STANSFELD, 20s. Residue to EDWARD STANSFELD, whom he appointed executor.

*Vol. xxvi. folio 576a.* Dated 28th November 1595, proved 29th June 1597.

Jenet Croshay of Ashenhurst, bequeathed to Simon Croshay, 3s. 4d.; and to Levice Croshay, 3s. 4d.

*Vol. xxx. folio 580b.* Dated 18th October 1607, proved 27th April 1608.

William Crosley of Ashenhurste, in Stansfeld, clothier, mentioned his wife, Margrett, and his sons, Symeon, Levy, and William. Lawrence Ambler, minister, one of witnesses.

*Vol. xxvi. folio 202a.* Dated 9th December 1595.

Robert Crosley of Asheinghurste, clothier, mentioned his sons, Robert and John, and appointed as overseers, Anthony Crosley of Ratchdale, and William Calverley of Stansfeld.

Further Crossley wills shew a connection with the family of Stansfeld of Heyhead. The two first wills given above, are of the family of Crawshaw; although in the latter, the similarity suggests some confusion between Croshay and Crosley or Crosley. George Stansfeld of Adamroyd, was buried at Todmorden, 5th December 1653. The following is the will of his widow.

*Vol. lj. folio 191a.* Proved 9th March 1669.

ELIZABETH STANSFELD of the Ewood, in Hundersfield, co. Lancaster, widow, bequeathed to her son-in-law, John Pilling of Stansfeld hall, yeoman, 20s.; and to her daughter, MARY, his wife, her bed and bedding. To her grandchildren, MARY and MARTHA, daughters of her late son, JAMES STANSFELD, £5, and mentioned their mother MARY. She also mentioned her sons, ABRAHAM, RICHARD and GEORGE STANSFELD, and the wife of the last mentioned, HESTER, and children.

The marriage between George Stansfeld, yeoman, and Hester, daughter of Jonas Thomas, deceased, is recorded on page 49, amongst the Commonwealth marriages, the witnesses being Jonas Thomas and John Pilling. Other entries relating to this branch, are also to be found, amongst the Heptonstall registers. The following wills record another connection, between the above two families :—

*Vol. xlj. folio 496a.* Dated 12th January 1629-30, proved 4th August 1631.

Dorothy Thomas of Sowerby, spinster, bequeathed to her mother, Dorothy, £20, remainder to her brother, Jonas Thomas, and her part of papers for cloth, a warping woagh, &c., sister, Sara Normanton, sister, MARIE STANSFELD, and to Sara, daughter of William Walker, and £5 each beside. She appointed her uncles, James Murgatroyd, and Thomas and Hugh Lacy, and John, son and heir apparent of said James Murgatroyd, her supervisors.

*Vol. xxxviii. folio 559a.* Dated 19th January 1622-3, proved 11th August 1625.

Thomas Thomas of Sowerby, bequeathed 6 yards of white cloth, to his son, Jonas; appointed his wife, Dorothy, executrix, and his children, Jonas, Mary, Dorothy and Sara, residuary legatees.

Dorothy Thomas was the eldest daughter of Gilbert Lacy of Midgley, whose will is dated 27th March 1605. Another daughter, Mary, married James Murgatroyd of Murgatroyd alias Hollins, in Warley. The other brothers and sisters were, Thomas, Hugh, Jasper, John, Anne and Frances Lacy.

Thomas Stansfeld, the eldest son of George Stansfeld of Adamroyd, was baptised 7th July, 1622. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Lord; who survived him, and married again, an Eastwood. He had issue, Thomas Stansfeld, to whom was bequeathed Todmorden Edge; and George Stansfeld, who inherited Ashenhirst, mentioned in their grandfather's will, and also in that of their father, as follows:—

*P.C.C. Register "Brent,"* 99. Dated 30th April, 1652, proved 26th September 1653. Will of THOMAS STANSFELD of Todmorden, in the p'ish of Rackdale, Lancaster, yeoman.

To my son THOMAS STANSFELD, and his heirs, for ever, all my messuages and lands, at Todmorden.

To GEORGE STANSFELD, my younger son, all those messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, with the appurts., called by the name of Ashenhurst, scituate, lying and being in Stansfeld, in y<sup>e</sup> county of Yorke, now in the tenure and occupation of JOHN STANSFELD, Martin Wilkinson, William Crowther, George Crowther, and Chilian Crosley, to hold to him and heirs, for ever, upon condition, if my wife, ELIZABETH, is with child, he is to pay £60, by equal portions, within 4 years of such child being 21, and if no child, then £60, to GEORGE STANSFELD at 21, at same terms.

Wife to have the rents of premises &c. for bringing up said children, until they are 21. She is also to have a third of my goods; a second part, between children, and remainder, for my debts and expenses; and residue to wife.

Wife, George Stansfeld my ffather, John Lorde my father-in-law, and Edmond Barker my brother, to have the tuition and care of my children. Wife to give an account to John Lord, junior, my brother-in-law, and George Stansfeld, younger, my brother. Witnesses, John Waite, Adam Holden and Symeon Lorde.

John Stansfeld, another son of George Stansfeld of Adamroyd, was buried at Todmorden, see page 45, 28th September 1665. The following is an abstract of his will:—

*Vol. xlvij. folio 114a.* Dated 1st August 1665.

JOHN STANSFELD of Adamroyde, in Stansfeld, yeoman, desired to be buried at the church or parochiall chapel of Todmerden, in the county of Lancaster, amongst the bodies of his

ancestors and kinsfolk, there heretofore buried. He bequeathed to his mother, ELIZABETH, a widow, £20; to his brothers, GEORGE, ABRAHAM, and JAMES, and his sister, MARY, wife of John Pilling, £10 each; to his nephews and nieces, 5s. each; and to his brother, RICHARD, and his heirs, all messuages, lands &c. and residue of goods, and appointed him his executor.

There is a Thomas Stansfeld of Adamroyd, mentioned on page 49, as married to Mary Wadsworth of Langfield, 7th January 1654-5; but his relationship to the above, does not appear. In the assignment of seats, in Crostone Church, in 1719, Adamroyd is called the property of Richard Stansfeld; and George Stansfeld is allotted two seats, for Winsley. Both these places would be inherited, under the above will, by Richard, brother of John Stansfeld, the testator. William Utley of Rodwellhead, in Stansfeld, in a draft will, dated 5th November 1757, bequeathed to trustees, for the benefit of his children, Abraham and Mary Utley, amongst others, a messuage called Adamroyd in Stansfeld, in the occupation of Abraham and George Stansfeld.

There are many entries, relating to the Stansfelds of Todmorden Edge, and Ewood, in the registers of Todmorden church; but they commence too recently, for any general purpose. But, no doubt, by searching therein, this particular branch might be brought down to the present time. The following entries attracted notice, whilst the leaves of the register, were being turned over:—

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| 1712 | May 7.  | George Stansfeld of Ewood, senior, buried.    |
| 1712 |         | Abm. Stansfeld and Mary Richardson, married.  |
| 1715 | July 4. | George Stansfeld and Mary Blakey, do.         |
| 1716 |         | Mary, daughter of Thomas Stansfeld, baptised. |

The above are merely given, perchance this chapter may catch the eye of some representative of the name, who is desirous of completing this pedigree, and who would be glad of the information, as to how it may be done.

Mary, the daughter of George Stansfeld of Adamroyd, who married John Pilling of Hillhouse, and Stansfeld Hall, was baptised, 17th January 1627-8. The baptisms of the other

children, no doubt, took place at Todmorden church. John, son of Hugh Pilling, was baptised 3rd August 1628. A reference to the *Index Nominum*, will discover many entries, relating to him and his father. The following is the will of his uncle:—

*Vol. xli. folio 834a.* Dated 30th June 1631, proved 30th August, 1632.

William Pilling of Norland, clothier, bequeathed the half of his estate, to his wife, Marie; and to her, and his brother, Hugh Pilling, the remainder of term of lease of a messuage &c. in Norland, in his occupation, from William Horton of Barkisland. Out of the other half estate, he bequeathed to his brother, James Pilling, £10, and the same amount, to each of his children, James, William and John Pilling; to his brother, Edmund Pilling, 20s.; sister, Elizabeth, 20s.; sister, Alice Greenwood, £3 6s. 8d. He left to Henry Haigh of the Sweeteokes, in Sowerby Dean, clothier, £5; to David Pilling of Halifax, 10s.; to Sara Pilling of Norland, 10s.; and to his nephew, John Howker, £3. Item, I give to the preacher of God's word, which shall take paines, to make a sermon, at my funerall, 10s., and to the poor of Norland, 40s. To William Horton and George Town, as feoffees, so much of a messuage, called Wotherhill, in Sowerby, as is in the occupation of William Summerscales, to the use of his wife, for life, and reversion to his brother, Hugh Pilling, until John, son and heir of said Hugh, be thirty years of age.

There are several gravestones at Hartishead church, relating tot he Pilling family.

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#### STANSFIELD OF EWOOD AND TODMORDEN.

Allusion has been made, to a branch of the family, which bears the motto: *Medio tutissimus ibis*; and an ibis, for crest. It is not improbable, that the representative, with whom the pedigree commences, was the son of that James Stansfield of Shore, whose widow and son died prisoners in York castle, evidently on account of their quaker principles and practices. This presumption is gathered from the fitness of dates, occurring in the registers; but a somewhat remarkable fact must have its due consideration. Although, as has been said before, the greater portion of this present work, deals with the branch of

the family, which is descended from Thomas Stansfield, who died in 1508; yet the chance of bringing down the main line, to the present time, has not been lost sight of. Considering that, so far as printed history recorded, the last known link in the chain, was an Ashton Stansfield, in connection with the date 1674, it will readily be understood, what hopes were excited, by the appearance of a pedigree, in which an Ashton Stansfield occurs, in four successive generations.

JOHN STANSFIELD, with whom the pedigree commenced, as supplied by William Ashton Stansfield, the present representative of the family, was baptised 14th or 16th October 1745. In the register at Heptonstall, the name is effaced, but the original at Crostone, supplies the deficiency.

1745 October 14 or 16. John, of Charles Stansfield of Stansfield.

It also supplies an instance of the inaccuracy, occasioned by the transcription from the one register to the other. The register of marriages, records that of only one Stansfield, of the name of Charles, before that date, viz. :—

1738 April 20. Charles Stansfield, Stans. Yeoman, and Mary Foster, Clividsher, in the parish of Burnley, Licence from Mr. Gunby, Curat of Sowerby.

Reverting to the register of baptisms, the following entry is found :—

1739-40 March 22. Sarah, Charles Stansfield, Stan.

And referring to the register of burials, an entry occurs, shewing that Mary Stansfield died, in giving birth to the above John; and the burials of her daughter and husband follow :—

1745 October 16. Wife, Charles Stansfield, St.

1751 November 8. Sarah, D. Charles Stansfield, St.

1764 September 26. Charles Stansfield, Bacop, Lankishire.

Charles Stansfield must have married again, as the George Stansfield, who signed the following indentures, must have been a younger son :—

This Indenture tripartite, made &c. November (torn) 1766, between George Stansfield of Hallifax, in the county of York, brother of John Stansfield of Moss Hall, in the parish of Hallifax &c. yeoman, of the first part; Joshua Stancliffe of Hallifax, aforesaid, watchmaker, of y<sup>e</sup> second part, and the said John Stansfield of the third part; witnesseth, that the said George Stansfield hath, of his own free will, and with the consent of the said John Stansfield, his brother, put and bound himself apprentice &c. for nine years &c. Witnesses, Marmaduke Higham and Rd. Hopwood.

The above is amongst several old papers, in the possession of William Ashton Stansfield of Todmorden, as is also a deed, or memorandum of conditions, produced 21st day of September 1812, at the house of James Stansfield, the sign of the Shoulder of Mutton, for the letting of the West Ibbotroyd, by ticket. The farm, belonging to Sally Stansfield, wife of the above-mentioned John Stansfield, was let for thirty guineas.

Returning to the registers of Heptonstall church, for the baptism of Charles Stansfield, who married in 1738, the only entry of that name, in the third volume, 1688 to 1725, is the following:—

1712 July 5. Charles, Jonas Stansfield, Stan.

And the only other baptism of a child of a Jonas Stansfield is:—

1714-5 January 25. Susanah, dau. Jonas Stansfield, Stans.

In the beginning of the fourth volume, there are four baptisms, from 1730 to 1735, of children of a Jonas Stansfield of Stansfield; but this is obviously too late, for the same family; and they are probably the issue of a Jonas, son of John Stansfield, who was baptised 28th December 1701, and probably the same who was buried, 18th February 1765, late of Commons, Stansfield. But the register of marriages supplies two, either of which, so far as the date is concerned, would answer for the marriage required:—

1709 July 1. Jonas Stansfield, Naomi Pilling, Stans.

1711 September 18. Jonas Stansfield, Sarah Dawson, Stans.

An entry in the register of burials, probably refers to this latter wife :—

1753 May 28. Sarah, Wife, Jonas Stansfield, St. Yeo[man].

But as Jonas Stansfield of Commons, was buried 18th February 1765, the above may refer to his wife ; although, in the entry of his burial, he is not termed yeoman ; and Commons seems to have been introduced, as a distinction. But on searching for an entry of a baptism of a Jonas Stansfield, not one is to be found, before 1701 ; which is obviously too recent, for either of the two, if they were two different persons, in the above marriages.

But on referring to the pedigree of the Stansfields of Shore, a Jonas will be found, born twin with Jonathan, who was afterwards of Hartley Royd, 25th September 1683, who answers the requirements, in every respect. Being a quaker, he would not be baptised, hence the omission in Heptonstall registers. For the same reason, he was buried in the private burial ground, belonging to the family, at Shore. He died 10th April 1758. The fact of his wife, if the above Sarah be she, being buried at church, 28th May 1753, would account, also, for the children being baptised, by suggesting that she was a churchwoman. This also would account, for the due payment of the curate's modus, by Jonas Stansfield of Shore, whose name occurs, see pages 88-9, in the assignment of seats, in Crostone church, in 1719. His brother, Jonathan, who had a seat assigned for Upper Hartley, see page 89, is amongst the quakers, mentioned on page 94. Another fact, strengthening the presumption of this quaker descent, is the naming of the son of Jonas Stansfield, as Charles. The latter name occurs only once, amongst the baptisms, his own, in the third volume ; and, previously to that time, seems peculiar to the Wadsworth branch of the family. But the baptism of an uncle of Jonas Stansfield of Shore, occurs in the first volume :—

1644-5. ffebruarii. Carolus fil. Jacobi Stansfeild de Shore bapt. fuit, 23 die.



The papers relating to John Stansfield, already alluded to, shew that he must have been of an adventurous, roving spirit. Amongst them is the following petition, which, as it throws light upon some of the difficulties, experienced by the early colonists of Canada, is given in full :—

To His Excellency Francis Gore, Lieut. Governor of the Province of Upper Canada &c. &c. &c. In Council.

The Petition of JOHN STANSFIELD, humbly sheweth :—

That your petitioner purchased from a Matthew Pearson, Lots Nos. 14 and 15, first concession, together with their broken fronts, to the Chippewa River, then known by 2nd township, south of Chippewa (now Welland or Weeland), articles of bargain and sale, being duly executed, at Newark, the 6th day of October 1795, and the consideration money paid the same day, in full.

Your petitioner delivered the papers of Pearson's title, to the then attorney-general White, at same time, in order to have his deed from the Crown, speedily executed; which was faithfully promised, but unperformed, from the above date, to the 31st of May 1796, and your petitioner had many a fruitless forty miles journey, for his deed.

Your petitioner, having received a pressing letter, to return to England, gave a power of attorney to John Scott of Queenstown, and the attorney-general promised solemnly, to deliver my deed, and all my papers, to John Scott, in one month, which with other papers, now not to be found, the loss, to your petitioner, amounts to near 1200 dollars.

On the second of June, your petitioner set off for England, and being detained on private accounts, he did not return to Upper Canada, till 27th April 1805; when, to his great surprise, not anything was done in his business.

Last May and June, your petitioner was at York, more than five weeks, before he could get to know, that there was a fraudulent deed, got by some means, for Lot 14, in the name of a James Bennet, at or by the recommendation of Doctor Robert Kerr of Newark, about two years after Matthew Pearson's grant, which was properly entered in the then map of the township of Crowland, and if that map be examined, an erasure may surely be discovered at Lot No. 14.

The vendor, Pearson, and vendee, your petitioner, are both members of the U.E. list, which your Excellency terms, in your

proclamations on that subject, a meritorious class of his majestie's subjects. If this be a favour, your petitioner cannot distinguish between a swindle and a donation.

If your Excellency will be pleased, either to redress your petitioner's wrong, or let your deaf petitioner, in the 64th year of his age, by any means you please, know that his wrong must not be redrest.

Also, further, your petitioner humbly requests to know, whether any compensation is to be had, in Canada, for his losses he sustained, in the American War, which amount to near £2,200 sterling; and your petitioner, as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c.

JOHN STANSFIELD.

The following explains the meaning of the U.E. list above-mentioned :—

To His Excellency Francis Gore, as above, &c. &c.

That your petitioner is a British born subject, who in April 1770, arrived at Philadelphia, and in May following, was possessed of an island, in Susquehanna river, of 180 acres, two miles below Sunbury; which he sold, and in 1773, bought 200 acres of Jesse Lukens, son of John Lukens esq. the then surveyor-general of the province of Pennsylvania, adjoining the proprietor's manor of Pomfret, one mile from the county town of Sunbury; which, with two lots in Sunbury, your petitioner was possessed of, when he left Philadelphia, for England, 5th December 1774.

Your petitioner returned to Philadelphia, in May 1785, and found his 200 acres confiscated and gone. In May 1786, he went to Nova Scotia, returned to Pennsylvania in July 1788, and removed to Upper Canada, in July 1792.

Then follows, as in the other petition above given; ending by requesting his name to be inserted on the U.E. list &c.

I do hereby certify that the name of JOHN STANSFIELD of Crowland, yeoman, is inserted on the list of those persons, who adhered to the unity of the empire.

York, Upper Canada, 17th May 1808.

JOHN SMALE.

There is another certificate, that he had served on board H.M. Ship "Magnificent" (*sic.*), signed by Sir Robert Lenzeze,

27th June 1783. Also a letter from John Stansfield, to John Scott in Canada, dated Ibbotroyd, 6th February 1798, written in expectation of death, and directing reply to Ashton Stansfield, surgeon &c. Accrington; and a postscript added, that he had undergone an operation, and had his leg taken off, and was in a fair way for getting better again.

The marriage of John Stansfield to Sarah, daughter of Abraham Gibson of Greenwood Lee, on the 20th April 1767, is given on page 73, from the Heptonstall registers. The inscriptions on two brass plates, in Heptonstall church, commemorating her family, are given on page 35. A sister, Susannah, married Gamaliel Sutcliffe of Stoneshay gate.

John Stansfield died 10th June 1829, aged 83; and his wife, Sally, died 15th November 1821, aged 73, and were buried at Crostone, see page 97. They had issue: John, of whom next; Ashton, baptised 19th November 1769, a surgeon, of Accrington, married, and had a son Edgar, and a grandson J. F. Stansfield; Hannah, baptised 30th December 1772, died 29th June 1800; James, baptised 20th February 1776, died 17th June 1810; Mary, baptised 1st March 1778, died 10th August 1858; Susannah Tillotson, died 1st February 1847, aged 66; Sally, baptised 6th July 1782, died 24th June 1799; and Abraham Stansfield, died 10th June 1803.

JOHN STANSFIELD, of Ewood House, Todmorden, son and heir of John, was baptised, 13th March 1768, and married at Halifax parish church, 16th March 1790, to Esther Barker, the witnesses being George Stansfield and Ashton Stansfield. Thomas Barker was resident at Stansfield Hall, in 1786. John Stansfield died in 1825, leaving issue: John, born in 1791, died unmarried, 8th January 1857; Betty, died unmarried, 8th November 1856; Hannah, born in 1798, died unmarried, 18th October 1877; William, of whom next; Ashton, of whom hereafter; Abraham, died at sea, unmarried; Sarah, born in 1806, died unmarried, 16th May 1857; and James Stansfield, solicitor, who purchased Ewood, born in 1791, died unmarried, 21st November 1874.

William Stansfield married, 21st June 1821, Ann Sale of Haslingden, who died 12th June 1826. He died 24th December 1850, leaving issue:—

1. Mary Jane Stansfield, married 14th January 1852, John Stott, and died 5th July 1861, leaving issue: James William, born 13th April 1854; Charles Henry, born 29th April 1855; Vernon, born 5th November 1856; Annie Mary, born 23rd September 1858; and Helena Stott, born 16th October 1859.

2. Hester Stansfield married 17th June 1846, the venerable John Richardson (archdeacon), and has issue: William Stansfield, born 16th May 1847; John Edward, born 26th August 1855; George Frederick, born 8th May 1861; Sarah Edith, Hester Annie, Clara Elizabeth, Mary Maud, Kate Ellen and Emily Frederica Richardson.

3. Elizabeth Stansfield, married 11th October 1854, Richard Ingham of Holroyd, who died 28th December 1862, leaving issue: Annie Mary, born 17th November 1855; Robina Hester, born 25th December 1858; Emma and Minnie, twins, born 14th June 1857.

ASHTON STANSFIELD married twice, and died 20th January 1870, leaving issue, by his first wife, Mary Boyce: John Ashton, of whom next; Abraham, died unmarried, 25th June 1868; Mary, died unmarried, 8th July 1871; Sarah, married Rev. W. Fearnside, vicar of All Saints, Harley wood, Todmorden; and Esther Stansfield, married T. S. Highley of Halifax, and has issue, Henry Ashton, William Stansfield, Herbert, Gertrude, Clement and Bertram Highley.

JOHN ASHTON STANSFIELD married Alice Barker, and died 4th July 1872, leaving issue: William Ashton Stansfield, law student, Todmorden, born 13th August 1865; and Alice Stansfield, born 7th September 1867, and died 10th July 1869.





## CHAPTER XIX.

### STANSFELDS OF ELLAND, AND OTHERS.



YEOUMAN, gentleman and esquire, as descriptive words, in earlier days than our own, had each of them, a distinctive meaning, well understood, signifying the rank held by any person, to whom any one of them was applied. The occurrence, therefore, of a Hugh Stansfeld, *generosus*, in an early will, has a significance not to be neglected, which is almost sufficient of itself, to prove connection with the main line of the family.

*Vol. ix. folio 55a.* Dated 17th August and proved 27th November 1517.

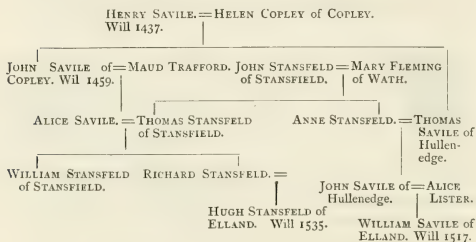
Will of William Savill de Eland, *generosus*. Itm. do et lego viginti solidos ad usum ecclesie de Elande, viz. decem solidos pro vestimento, octo solidos no'ie scopit. et duos solidos fabrice eccleie.

He bequeathed to his son, William, all messuages &c. Residue to his wife, Margaret, and son, William, and appointed them executors. Supervisors, Umfrey Risheforthe and Ric. Rawson. Witnesses, HUGO STANSFELDE, gen's. and John Brokbanke, chaplain.

The above testator commences the pedigree of Saviles of Halifax, in the Visitation of Yorkshire 1612; and in that of 1665, is called the younger son of John Savile, who was squire of the body to Edward IV., and married Alice, daughter of Ralph Lister. But the last named should be William Lister, see *Testamenta Eboracensia*, vol. iij. page 195. In a list of wills examined at York, from 1389 to 1714, occurs the following:—

1535 HUGO STANSFELD de Eland, son of RICHARD of Stansfield, mentions JOANE, his wife.

This will has, unfortunately, eluded discovery, in three independent searches, in more recent days, than the above mentioned, but there is no room to doubt its existence. And the connection with the Savile family, suggests the following pedigree, as explaining the relationship of Hugh Stansfeld, both to William Savile of Elland, and also to the Stansfelds of Stansfield :—



Hugh Stansfeld paid subsidy in 1523, for 40s. lands in Elland. The occurrence of the arms of Stansfeld, in Elland church, has already been mentioned, and a fac-simile of a tricking of them, in Heralds' College, will be seen reproduced, in this work. The impaled coat of Savile and Stansfeld, however, proves another marriage between the two families. The following will is probably, that of the son of Hugh Stansfeld of Elland :—

*Vol. xiiij. folio 167a.* Dated 20th April and proved 5th June 1546.

JAMES STANSFELDE of Eland, desired his body to be buried in the chapel yard there, and ordained his children, JOHN, HUGH, GILBERT, RICHARD, AMERE, GRACE, JENETT, and ALISON, executors; and his brother, THOMAS STANSFELDE, and brother-in-law, John Watterhouse, overseers. John Bentley, prest, and THOMAS STANCEFELD being witnesses.

Gilbert Stansfeld was curate of Heptonstall, and occurs often in contemporary wills. He was one of the witnesses, 3rd

February 1521-2, of that of Thomas Akerode of Wadsworth, who, after the formal bequest of his soul to God &c., his body to the earth, and his best beast to the vicar of Halifax, as mortuary, added :—

Also I will that Sir GILBERT STANSFELD, chaplayne, say a trentall of masses for my saull, and my executors to content hym therefor.

He was called curate, by William Aikroode, 8th February 1556-7; and had 12d, as chaplain, in the will of Thomas Crabtree, in 1514. In 1520, William Sutclif gave :—

D'no. GILBERTO STANSFELD, capellano, ad celebrand. unū trentale, p' āi'a. mea, vjs. viijd.

In the same year, George Hanson also required him to sing a trental of masses for his soul.

*Vol. ix. folio 273b.* Dated 10th June and proved 17th November 1523.

John Gibson mentioned his wife, Johanna, son, Jacobus, and daughter, Agnes. Hiis testibus, D'no. W'o. Cokcroft, cap'no. p'och de Heptonstall, D'no. CILB'TO STANSFELD et Roberto Bentley.

He was a witness, and Robert Stansfeld a supervisor, of the will of Richard Crosley, dated 10th June 1527. Along with Mylles Stansfeld, he witnessed the will of Thomas Horsfall of Bawdewayne rode, in 1530. He is called kinsman, and appointed overseer, Edward Stansfeld being supervisor, of the will of Robert Sutcliffe of Meyrode, dated 3rd January 1530-1. On the 19th December 1551, he witnessed the will of George Estwode; and also that of Thomas Grenewodde of Grenewodde, 3rd February 1553-4. His name will also be found on page 137, as a witness in the will of Thomas Stansfeld, probably of Erringden, dated 21st August 1558.

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#### STANSFELD OF ERRINGDEN.

The will, given on page 137, is not improbably that of Thomas Stansfeld, the brother named in the will of James Stansfeld of Elland, in 1546. The relatives named therein, are, wife, Isabel, and children, Edward, son and heir, Richard, George, Alice and Elizabeth.

Erringden being a royal park, was dispaled by letters patent, dated 16th or 17th March 1448-9; and the following occurs, in the court rolls at Wakefield, under date 1st October 1451:—

“Et ad hanc Curiam venit THOMAS STANSFELD, et cepit de Domino, quartem partem dicti Parci de Aeringden, prout jacet inter Birnedakir Yate et Beamonde Cloughe, ac inter alias metas &c.” as *vide* translation, in Watson's *History of Halifax*, page 79.

It was granted by Edward VI., 17th August 1548, to Sir William Willoughby, knight, and others; who sold it, 10th and 12th November following, to Richard Whalley of Welbeck. The property was said to be in the tenure of:—

Will. Sutcliffe, Ric. Fourneyes, Georgii Fourneyes, sen., Georgii Fourneyes, jun., uxoris Johannis Fourneyes et filii ejus, Will. Ryley jun., Rob. Hemmingway, Thome Oldfield, Rob. Sutcliffe, Johannis Ingham, Johannis Ryley, jun., heredum Will. Wilkinson, THOME STANCEFELDE jun., Ric. Normanton, Will. Burdall, Jeanette Clough, Eliz. Clough, Alice Clough, Will. Ryley, sen., THOME STANCEFELD, sen., and Hen. Akerodd.

Richard Whalley alienated it by portions, amongst them being the following:—

Ric. Whalley de Welbecke, in co. Nott. arm. contracted, 8th April 1560, with EDWARD STANSFELD of Ayringden, confirms to same, 7 messuages or tenements, with all lands, in Ayringden Parke, in occupation of EDWARD STANSFELD, RIC. STANSFELD, GEORGE STANSFELD, Ric. Nayler, Will. Crabtre, Ric. Grenewod and Agnete Grenewod, of annual value of £3 2s. 8d. Thomas Drap. of Waddesworth, and Will. Sutcliffe of Ayringden, yeomen, to give possession. Dated 9th April 1560.

Licence of alienation, by letters patent, of above lands, by Elizabeth, Queen, for 20s, and 11d paid in Hanaper, to Rich. Whalley. Tested at Westminster, 6th April 1560.

*Extracts from Hopkinson's MSS., vol. I. folio 170.*

Fines 4th Elizabeth [1562] amongst others, from EDWARD STANSFIELD, for 7 messuages, in Heptonstall, 8d.

March 1st 1578, a licence of alienation, from EDWARD STANSFIELD and others, to Nicholas Halstead, and others.



EDWARD STANSFELDE de Airingden, clothier, to Geo. Halsteade de Ayringden, 7 messuages with lands &c. in Ayringden, and Ayringden Parke, as above, dated 31st December 1582.

The author has in his possession, an original conveyance, dated 30th April 1585, of two messuages &c. in Erringden park, in the tenure of John Hartley and Jane Killingbeck, widow; and another messuage &c. in the occupation of Adam ffarrar; to Richard Thomas of Wadsworth, clothier, and Richard and Edward Thomas, his sons. It mentions the lands, late of Thomas Stansfeld, yeoman. Crabtree, in his *Concise History of Halifax* (Hartley and Walker 1836), page 514, states that he had in his possession, the licence of alienation, for the above. The same work gives, copied from Watson, the enfranchisement deed of 4th James I., to George Halstead and others, the tenants. Another deed, in the possession of the author, suggests the destination of the money, received for the Erringden estate, by Edward Stansfeld:—

Indenture of sale, 30th September 1578, by Thos. Savill of Ellande, gentleman, John Savill of Barmebie upon Donne, his son and heir, and Hughe Halsted of Haberiameaves, yeoman, to EDUARDE STANSFELDE of Earyngdene Parke, yeoman, of a messuage in Barselande als. Barkislande, late in tenure of Thos. Horton, on proviso, that if Thomas and John Savill pay yearly, in the house of Hughe Halsted, £5 19s. 8d. for three years, and also three score pounds, on the 2nd September 1581, then the sale to be void. Subject to 15 years of an unexpired lease to Thomas Horton, at a yearly rent of 13s. 4d. Sealed in presence of Richard Halsted, son of the above Hughe Halsted, Wm. Harrison of Ancomden, Gilbt. Smithe, milner, of Heptonbridge milne, and John Lee of Heptonbridge.

In the subsidy of 1523, Thomas Stansfeld paid 12d, for 40s goods, for a township not named, probably Erringden. The name does not occur in the Erringden lists, for the subsidies granted in 1604, 1610 and 1664. In the tithe composition agreement of 1535, the heires of Edward Stansfeld, for their own proper lands in Erringden, paid 3s. 7d. In the will of Laurence Stansfeld of Stansfield, dated 12th February 1534-5, Thomas Stansfeld of

Park, is mentioned as a tenant of the lord of the manor. Robert fflorenes of Ayryden, in his will, dated 19th November 1543, mentioned his son-in-law, Alan Stansfeld, and bequeathed 20s. to his [testator's] daughter, Elizabeth Stansfeld. Alan Stansfeld is declared a debtor for 23s. 4d., in the will of John Estwod of the Shore, yeoman, in September 1554.

Edward Stansfeld of Aringden, was witness to the will of Gylbart Cocroft of Horsehold, dated 20th January 1569-70.

#### STANSFELD OF SHEPLEY.

Mention has already been made, in the chapter on the arms of Stansfeld, of the grant of arms, in 1546, to Richard Stansfeld of Shepley. Morehouse's *History of Kirkburton* pp. 102-3, describes the short connection, which Richard Stansfeld and his family, had with the moiety of the manor of Shepley. On the 7th May 1540, he purchased an annuity of £20, for forty-five years, from Thomas Goldthorpe, out of his manors of Goldthorpe, Billingley, Bolton, Barnborough and Shepley. On the 16th September 1542, the said Thomas Goldthorpe sold to Richard Stansfeld, for £290, his moiety of the manor of Shepley, the hall, a messuage, miln, cottage, and all lands, manorial rights, profits of courts, leets &c. with all deeds. The grandson of Richard Stansfeld, Richard Cooke, sold the above moiety of the manor of Shepley, on the 25th August 1571, to John Savile of Stanley, near Wakefield.

The following will of Richard Stansfeld, mentions his wife, Elizabeth ; his brother, Thomas, who had Robert, Richard, John and Cicely ; another brother, Robert, who had a son, Richard ; and his daughter, Isabel, wife of John Cooke, and their children, Richard, John, Stansfeld, Ellen, Elizabeth and Prudence Cooke.

Prerogative Court, Canterbury. *Register " Bucke "* 36.

Will of RICHARD STANSFELD, Esquier, and Citizen and Skyner of London. Dated 27th June 1551, and proved by John Cooke esqre. the exor., ELIZABETH, the relict, renouncing, 16th December 1551.

To wife, ELIZABETH, one part of estate, over and above her jewels; and residue to be divided into three parts, viz. to Elizabeth, my wife, daughter, Isabel Coke, and myself.

To ROBERT, son of my brother, THOMAS STANSFELD, £5, and to RICHARD, JOHN and CICELY, his brothers and sisters, £10 each, at 22 years of age, but to Cicely at 20, or marriage.

To brother, Thomas Stansfeld, £5. If he dies, then between his children, by his last wife.

To daughter-in-law, Bridget Smyth, £3 6s. 8d. To her two daughters, Alice and Elizabeth, £3 6s. 8d. To John Biston, £3 6s. 8d. To little Baldwin Smyth, my godson, £5.

To Richard Saltonstall, late my servant, £20. To Richard Wilson, my servant, 40s.; and to continue with my wife at service, at 20s. yearly; also to him, a new coat.

To Ralph Goldthorp, £20; he to make a full release of the premises, I bought of Thomas Goldthorp, his father. To Margaret Goldthorp, my servant, 40s. To William Goldthorp, his brother, £5.

To the Skinners' Company, for a recreation, £4, after my burial, if I die in London.

To sister STANSFELD, and RICHARD, her son, £3 10s. od. for gowns. "Unto the said Richard, all my ware, chefs, waights of leede, beame skales, shelfes, piles and bordes, being in two of my shops, and mydle warehouse," when he enters into the same shops. And also to him, after my wife's death, the household effects (specified).

To my wife, 40s. for a black gown. To son-in-law, John Cooke, and wife, £3 10s. od., for gowns. To said daughter, a gold ring and a hoop of gold, sometime my other wife's. To Stansfeld Cooke, a ring of gold.

To the poor prisoners in Newgate, Ludgate, Bench, Marshalsea and two Compters, 6/8 each prison.

To poor at my burial, 40s.

Bequests to Dorothy Hutton £3 10s. od.; Elizabeth Whitmore, 40s.; Nicholas Biston, £5, and 40s. for a gown; Miles Mording, his servant, 40s.; John Travers, 40s.; Henry Grover and his wife, £3 10s. od.; Mr. Norry and wife, £3 10s. od.

"Touching and concernyng the disposicon of all and singler my manors, messuages, landes, tentes., rentes, reversiones, s'ru'ces

and hereditaments, whatsoever, they be set, lying and being in the counties of Yorke, Nottingham, Leyc., Northampton, Essex and London, or elsewhere, within the realme of England."

"Unto my said welbeloved wief, Elizabeth Stansfeld, all that my manor, called Barkeby Thorpe, Barkeby and Hamelton, with their appurts., and the parsonage of Barkeby, with th'advoyson of the vicaredge of the same, with all and singular their appurts., in the countie of Leyc., together with all that my garden and lodge, sett and being in Bell Alley, withoute Bisshopsgate of London. To hold to her, for her life, by way of dower, &c. Also a yearly rent of £5, issuing out of my manor of Wyffeld, in the countie of Essex, for 8 years, and no longer.

To John Cooke, my exor., for two years next after my decease, to enable him to pay my debts, &c., and then to my daughter, Isabel, his wife, my manors of Shepeley and Ardesley, in the countie of Yorke; and my manor of Blythe, in the countie of Nottingham; and all my said manor of Wyffeld, in the said countie of Essex; and also all my messuages, landes, tentes., and hereditaments, in Eland, Greteland, Barsland and Hothersfeld, in the said countie of Yorke, now in the occupaon of William Romesdon, gent., to hold to said daughter, Isabel, for her life, and after her decease :—

The manor of Wiffeld, to Richard Cooke, the eldest son, and his heirs; and in default of issue, &c., then to John Cooke, brother of said Richard, and his heirs; and in default, to Stansfeld Cooke, and his heirs and assigns for ever.

The manor of Shepley, in Yorks., to Richard Cooke and heirs; in default, to Stansfeld Cooke, his brother, and heirs; in default, to John Cooke, his brother, and heirs for ever.

The Barkeby and Leicester property, after the death of my wife, for the benefit of all the sons of said John and Isabel Cooke, for and during the life of said daughter, and afterwards to John Cooke, the son, and his heirs; in default, to Richard Cooke, and heirs; in default, to Stansfeld Cooke, and heirs for ever.

The Nottingham, Ardesley and Blythe property, to Stansfeld Cooke, and heirs; in default, the Ardesley portion, to Richard Cooke, and heirs; and the Blythe portion, to John Cooke, and heirs.

At the end of two years after my death, to Ellen Cooke, eldest daughter of said John and Isabel, my messuage set and being in Barnebrough, in the said countie of Yorke, and its appurts.,

together with the yearly rent of 6s. 8d., issuing out of lands, &c. called Goldthorpe, in said county, to hold to her and her heirs; and in default, to Elizabeth Cooke, her sister, and heirs; and in default, to Prudence Cooke, her sister, and heirs for ever. Exor. to have use of same, in trust, for and during the minority of her, the said Ellen, till 21, or marriage.

To Elizabeth Cooke, the second daughter, the messuage and appurts., at Wellingborough, Northampton, and to her heirs; in default, to Ellen, and heirs; in default, to Prudence, and heirs for ever.

To Prudence Cooke, £100, for her marriage, payable out of the issues for 12 years, of the messuage called the Egle, in Gracious street, city of London. If she die before, then to Stansfeld Cooke, and heirs; and in default, to John Cooke, and heirs.

To cousin, RICHARD STANSFELD, son of brother ROBERT STANSFELD, the two tenements in Walbrook, London, to him and heirs; and in default, to RICHARD, the son of brother, THOMAS STANSFELD and heirs; and in default, to JOHN, another son of Thomas, and his heirs for ever.

Release son-in-law, John Cooke, of all monies he owes me.

EXORS., wife, Elizabeth, and son-in-law, John Cooke. The said John Cooke, to give security to William Hervye, Norroy King at Arms, &c. Overseers, Mr. Baldwyn Smythe, and said Wm. Hervye. To Smythe 10s., and to Hervye, £6 13s. 4d.

P' me RICHARD STANSFELD.

Witnesses, John Southcote, John Travers, and Henry Grover.

A Scedule added the 1st of August, 5th Edward 6th [1551]. Having lately purchased of JAMES STANSFELD, Citizen and Weaver of London, and of THOMAS STANSFELD, brother of the said James, two messuages and appurts. in St. Botolph without Bishopsgate, gives same to Isabel, wife of John Cooke, to hold to her during life, she to pay, out of the rents thereof, 40s. a year, towards the relief of the poor people, dwelling in Blethe, in the countie of Nottingham, and in Barkeby and Hamelton, in the countie of Leic., viz. 20s. to Blethe, and 20s. to and between the others.

After her death, then to her son, John Cooke, and heirs; in default, to Stansfeld Cooke and heirs; in default, to Richard Cooke and heirs; in default, to my right heirs for ever. Willing, and strictly commanding the same, my right heyres, to paye and disburse yerely, of the rents, yssues and profyts,

comyng of the premises, to the pore peple of Blethe, Barkeby Thorpe, Barkeby, and Hamelden, aforesaid, for the time being, the like some of fortie shillings, at the termes aforesaid, and in such and like manner and forme, as ys before declared to be don, by the said Isabell Cooke, and her assignes, as they will answer before Godd, at the daie of Judgement.

John Cooke, to pay the £5 still owing, on the purchase of said premises.

P' me RICHARD STANSFELD.

Witnesses, John Cooke, John Southcote, William Hervy als. Norroy, Henry Grover, and John Travers.

P. C. C. *Adm'n. Act Book, folio 58.* Dated, 13th Sept., 1575.

Adm'on of the goods, &c., of RICHARD STANSFELDE, late of the city of London, Esq<sup>re</sup>. deceased, granted to Richard Cooke, the son of John Cooke, who was exor. of the said Richard Stansfelde, the said John Cooke, being dead.

The Richard Saltonstall, to whom the above testator bequeathed £20, would be the second son of Gilbert Saltonstall, and grandson of Richard Saltonstall of Godley, in Northowram, and High Saltonstall in Warley, mentioned in the tithe composition of 1536. He was of the same company, the Skinners', and was sheriff in 1588, lord mayor of London, and knighted in 1597, and died 17th March 1600. See Walker's *Halifax Registers*, page 16; but an error of a predecessor, in writing York for London, led that author to state, that a Richard, son of Gilbert Saltonstall, was lord mayor of York, in the same year, which is an error. The connection with the Goldthorpes, is explained by the Shepley conveyances. The following entries occur in the registers at Kirkburton, which is adjacent to Shepley:—

Alicia, wife of Thomas Goldthorpe, generosi, sepult. fuit, xxvj. die Octobris 1541.

Joh'es Goldthorpe sepult. fuit xiiij. die mensis Septembris 1546.

Gracia Goldthorpe sepult. fuit xj. die Martij 1560.

Richardus frater ejus Goldthorpe, bapt. fuit xvj. die.

The wills of some Stansfelds of Blyth, will be found further on ; and it is probable, that Richard Stansfeld of Shepley, may be connected with them. Or, seeing that property in Elland &c. is named in his will, he may have sprung from the branch of the family, at that place.

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## STANSFIELD OF HOLEBOTTOM.

An entry, in the registers of Todmorden church, shews that a George Stansfield was resident at Holebottom, alias Cote, in 1704. But Henry Walton was evidently the owner, in 1719, and was assigned a seat, in Crostone church, in that year, on account of that message.

GEORGE STANSFIELD, with whom this present short pedigree commences, lived at Cross Lee ; and is described, in his will, as a stuff maker. His wife's name was Martha, and they had issue : George, of whom next ; Elizabeth [Betty], married 11th November 1762, John Taylor, and had, Joseph and Hannah Taylor, and was deceased in 1776 ; and Martha, who married a Crossley, and had issue, Martha and Betty Crossley, and also predeceased her father. His will was dated 4th May, 1776, and proved at York, 15th August, 1777. He died at Holebottom, and was buried at Crostone, 17th May, 1776.

GEORGE STANSFIELD, son and heir of George Stansfield, abovementioned, was a stuff maker ; and resided at Holebottom, which he purchased, on the 28th December, 1786. He married, at Heptonstall, 23rd January, 1772, Mally Sutcliffe, of that place. They had issue : Abraham, of whom next : George, of whom afterwards ; Mary, baptized 3rd September 1780 ; Thomas, baptized 22nd April 1781 ; William, baptized 3rd November 1782 ; and Sarah Stansfield, baptized 17th September, 1786. All, except the two first named, seem to have died young ; as they are not named, in the will of their father. This was executed, 23rd April, 1814, and proved at York, with a codicil thereto, 26th February, 1819. He devised all his real estate, to his two sons, Abraham and George Stansfield.

ABRAHAM STANSFIELD, eldest son of George Stansfield, of Holebottom, was baptized, 16th November, 1776. He was well known in the neighbourhood of Todmorden; and died, 11th August, 1851, aged 74, and was buried at Crostone. He married Grace Sutcliffe, and had issue, two daughters. Mary, the elder one, married William Helliwell; and died 31st October, 1880, aged 78. Hannah, the younger daughter, married Thomas Greenwood, and died 14th September, 1880. They were both buried at Crostone.

GEORGE STANSFELD, younger son of George Stansfield of Holebottom, was baptized 18th August 1778, and died 12th April 1825, aged 47, and was buried at Crostone. He married Hannah Ormerod, who died 1st April, 1849, aged 68, and was buried with her husband. They had issue: John, of whom next; Elizabeth, died unmarried; William, died unmarried, at Stockport; and Sarah, married William Sager, who died 31st March 1855, and was buried at Christ church, Todmorden. She died 14th January 1862, and was buried at the same place. Their issue is: William Sager, solicitor, of Holebottom, married, and has issue; and Stansfield Sager of Worthing, married, but has no issue.

JOHN STANSFIELD, son of George Stansfield of Cote, married Martha Taylor, and died in February 1849, at Stockport. He had issue: George, died unmarried, in America; Hannah, married to William Lees; and Elizabeth Stansfield, who married James Fletcher. Both these daughters are now living.







## CHAPTER XX.

### STANSFELD EVIDENCES.



WHILE utilising, in the foregoing pages, as much as possible, of the information at hand, respecting the Stansfeld family, there yet remains a quantity of matter, which is now presented, under the general heading of Stansfeld evidences.

### WILLS AT YORK.

There is a note, amongst the addenda and corrections to Hunter's *Deanery of Doncaster*, vol. ij. page 491, which is worth reproducing, as it expresses the great value of wills, in archæological research:—

“There is a rich and unexplored field, to reward the diligence of the genealogical antiquary, in the testamentary evidences, laid up in so many unexplored depositories; and till these depositories are explored, and the contents of them, made better known to the public, we must be content to have our genealogy, that mass of incorrectness and confusion, which it is at present.”

Most of the wills relating to Yorkshire, are in the archiepiscopal registry at York minster. Some of the earlier ones, are published, in the four volumes of the Surtees Society, entitled *Testamenta Eboracensia*. The third volume of these, at page 329, has the following:—

11th October 1442. Dispensation from the archbishop, for PETER STANSFELD and Elizabeth Brig, related in the 4th degree, to marry. Issued from Florence, by the same cardinal, April 13th, 12th Eugenius IV. [*Register Kempe, folio 183b.*]

The same person appears in the following deed, amongst the Horton papers, at Howroyd, near Halifax.

Sciunt p'sentes et futuri, q'd. ego Ric'us Bryg nup' filius Willm. Bryg de Heptonstall, dedi &c. Edmundo ffyrth [here occurs another name, partly effaced, and not afterwards alluded to] PETRO STANSFELD, XPOFERO STANSFELD, gentylmen, et Rob'to Rycherdson, cap'll'o. all my lands, woods, pastures &c. in Staynland and Eland. Hiis testibus, Thoma. Sayvyll de hullyngegh, Joh'e Malynson, Joh'e Helewell, et alijs. Dat. ultimo die mensis Martii, anno regni regis Henrici sexti &c. tricesimo secundo. [1454].

But the Stansfeld wills, given in this work, are the result of three or more independent searches, made at York, at widely different periods. The most important of these, is the MS. collection of over 4,000 wills, relating to Halifax parish, made by the late Edward Johnson Walker, mentioned in Walker's *Halifax Registers*, page iij. Another is from Heralds' College, marked No. 28, in the General Search therein. Another, in the possession of Thomas Wolryche Stansfeld, seems to have been made above one hundred years ago; and in the possession of the same gentleman, are some abstracts of wills, obtained for the preparation of the pedigree of the family, in Foster's *Yorkshire Pedigrees*. The following wills will not be found in the preceding pages.

*Vol. iij.* Dated September 1408, and proved April 1409.

ALICIA DE STANSFELD de Rednes, wife of ROGER STANSFELD, commended her soul to God, the Blessed Mary, and all saints; and her body, to be buried in the cemetery of the church of S. Mary Magdalene of Whytygft. She bequeathed sundry legacies, to the church, rector and clergy of Whitgift, and the monks of Selby; and mentioned her husband, ROGER STANSFELD; his son, evidently by a former wife, JOHN; and her son, William, evidently by a former husband. Their surnames are not mentioned, in the probate.

*Vol. iv. folio 285a for 185a.* Dated 16th February 1472-3.

Commission of administration of goods of SIMON STANSFELDE, late vicar of the churches of Dewsbury and Batley, who died intestate, granted to Sir John Pylkyngton, knight, and Sir Mich. Marcom (?) chaplain.

Mr. Sym. Stansfeld, L.B., was instituted vicar of Batley, 6th March 1446-7, by the gift of the prior and convent of Nostell ; and his successor was instituted, 26th November 1472. He was presented to the vicarage of Dewsbury, by the dean and chapter of S. Stephen's, Westminster, and instituted, 26th November 1472. His successor was instituted, 14th December 1472. He occurs also, in the following, amongst the Thornhill deeds :—

Brianus Thornhill de Fekysby, arm., Tho. Strenger capell. ecclie parochialis de Eland, et Johannes Lister, capell. cantorie de Eland, feoffees to the use of the said Brian, give to John Thornhill, his son and heir, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Robert Mirfeilde, all lands &c. in Rastrike, in tenure of Ric. Rawnsley and Will. Firthe. Witnesses, Oliver Mirfeilde, John Tuthill, arm., SYMON STANSFELDE, vicar of Batley, and others. Dated at Batley, in the feast of S. Augustine, 37th Henry VI. [1459].

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*Vol. xix. folio 303.* Dated 12th February, 1537-8, proved 5th May, 1538.

ALEXANDER STANSFELDE of Normanton grange, in the parish of Elkesley, desired his body to be buried in the churchyard of All Saints, Elkesley. After bequeathing sums to the high altar there, and for a trental of masses, he mentioned THOMAS, son and heir of his brother, RICHARD STANSFELDE. He appointed John Chambre of Carburton, guardian of the said Thomas ; and failing him, William Silbern of Elkesley.

“ And if it fortien the said Thomas, to die, or to go from the order of most men, as aforesaid, then I will the said xiijs. iiijd. be given to ELIZABETH, my wife &c. Also I will &c. to EDWARD STANSFELDE, and the daughter of Thomas Gilbert, one hyve. Item, to AGNES STANSFELDE, one hyve. Item, to EDWARD STANSFELDE, one lande of Rye. Item, to THOMAS STANSFELDE, my brother, one cowe and one sheipe. Item, to Master Edward Thysland, esqr.. vj whethers, whom I make supervisor of this my last will &c.”

Executrix, wife, ELIZABETH STANSFELDE.

*Vol. xiv. folio 206.* Dated 8th February 1555-6, proved 13th August 1556.

RADELRIKA [or RADRILYD ?] STANFIELD of Ottley, in the county of York, yeoman, make my last will &c. My body to be buried in the

the churchyard of Ottley, belonging to our blessed lady S. Mary &c., and I will that ALICE, my wife, and CHRISTOPHER, my son, shall have all my landes and tenements, equally divided among them &c. save only xx marks, which my son and wife shall dispose, unto the children of my two daughters, at such times, as they shall think convenient, on condition that neither my said daughters, nor their husbands, shall vex, trouble or sue (?), for any other childe's portion, my executors &c.

*Vol. xv. folio 50a.* Dated 9th June proved 19th June, 1556<sup>1</sup>

Richard Michell of Strindes, in parish of Heptonstall, bequeathed to his son, William, and his son-in-law, EDUARDE STANSFELDE, whom he appointed his executors, a moiety of all his goods &c. He ordained his debts, to be paid out of the other half; and remainder, to his daughters, Alice, Elizabeth and Christabell Michell.

*Vol. xv.* Dated 28th June, 1560, proved 14th March, 1569-1.

I EDWARD STANSFELD of Whyston, in the county and diocese of Yorke, make my last will &c. Item, my body to be buried in the churchyard of S. Mary Magdalene of Whyston, aforesaid. Item, I give vjs. viijd., to be distributed amongst the poorest folks of the said parish. Item, I give unto the right honourable the earle of Shrewsbureye, my cymtyar &c. I give unto CHRISTOPHER STANSFELD, my father, my best jacket, my best doublet, my best hose, my best capp, and a pair of boots. To MARY STANSFELD, my daughter, x li. in full &c. To the childe, my wife is great withall, &c. x li. in full &c. To ELIZABETH, my wife, my lease of this farm, &c. whom I make my sole and full executrix.

*Vol. xvij. folio 10 b.* Dated 21st December, 1561, proved 3rd February 1561-2.

JAMES STANSFELD and ISABELL, his wife, are declared debtors for 26s. 8d., in the will of John Draper of Heptonstall.

*Vol. xvij. folio 178.* Dated 21st May 1561, proved 22nd April 1562.

SETH STANSFIELD mentioned JOHN STANSFIELD, his latter son, and appointed his wife and daughter, his executors.

*Vol. xvij.* Dated 13th September 1566, proved 10th May 1567.

JOHN STANSFELD of Baymboro', within the parish of Blithe, and county of York, husbandman, desired his body to be buried in Blithe churchyard. He bequeathed small legacies, to sundry god-children, and others; amongst them a fustaine doublet &c. to Alexander Burton. His executors were his wife, MARGARET, and ELIZABETH, his daughter.

*Vol. xvij. folio 158 a.* Dated 6th November 1568, proved 27th July 1569.

James Newall of Heptonstall, bequeathed to JOHN STANSFELD, one paire of sheep, and a blacke collored horse; to his brother-in-law, RICHARD STANSFELD, one hackney saddle and brydle; and mentioned JAMES STANSFELD, son of the last named.

*Vol. xix. folio 555.* Dated 9th April, and proved 21st October 1572.

I THOMAS STANSFELDE of Kirsall, in the countie of Nottyngham &c. make this my last will. Item, I give unto Elizabeth Tonge. my daughter-in-law, and to John Tollynson, a bussell of wheate; and to THOMAS STANSFELDE xxd., a ewe and a lamb. To MARGARETE STANSFELD, my daughter, xx m. towards her mariadge. Item, to AGNES, my wife, the lease of my farme, during her life, and after her death, to THOMAS STANSFELD, my son, during the lease; the residue, to be equally divided between them, whom I also make my executors, &c.

*Vol. xxj. folio 387.* Dated 29th December 1579, proved 12th July 1580.

I AGNES STANSFELD of Kirsall, make my last will &c. I bequeath to ELIZABETH and MARGARET, my daughters, all my apparell &c. To my son, THOMAS, &c. I bequeath to AGNES STANSFELD, one cubbort. To RICHARD STANSFELD, one bullocke &c.

*Vol. xxij.* Dated 3rd April and proved 4th May, 26th Elizabeth [1584.]

THOMAS STAINFEILD of Kirsall, I bequeath to ALICE, my wife, the the reversion of all those years, yet mine, in my lease, and all my goodes, so long as she remains a widdow; but if she marry, before the full years in my lease be expired, to have her third part only. I will that the rest of all my goodes, my wife's third part deducted, shall be equally divided, amongst all my sons and daughters, saving that my sons shall have, every one of them, five shillings apiece, more than any of my daughters. I make ALICE, my wife, only executrix &c.

*Vol. x. folio 128.* Dated 25th August 1567, proved 23rd January 1567-8.

I, CHRISTOPHER STAINFEILD of Whyston, make my last will &c. Item, I will that all my goods, be equally divided into three parts, after that I be honestly brought forth, unto Xian man's buriall. Two parts thereof, I will and bequeath to JOHN'E, my wyfe, upon this condition, that I trust she will be good unto my children, that is to say, Alice

Dickenson, and Thomas, her husband ; Helen Whytley, and Thomas Whytley, her husband; and Elizabeth Robynsone, and Wilm. Robynsone, her husband. The third part of my goodes, to be equally divided, unto my foresaid three daughters, and their husbands. Also, I will all suche landes, as I am at this present seased of, to be equally divided, betwixt MARIE and DINNE STANSFELD, daughters of EDWARD STANSFELD, lait my son and heir, when they shall accomplish lawfull years of age.

*Vol. xix. folio 598 a.* Dated 28th June 1572, proved 27th May 1573.

EDWARD STANSFELD was named as tenant of Burly carr, in Wadsworth, the property of testator, Thomas Draper of Broadbothome.

*Vol. xxij. folio 556 a.* Dated 12th July and proved 8th August 1584.

Richard Horsfall of Mankinholes, in his will, mentions HENRY STANSFELD, as occupying a tenement in Stansfield, belonging to him.

*Vol. xxij. folio 346 a.* Dated 14th December 1585, proved 1st February 1586-7.

Thomas Grenewood of Langfield, appointed his wife, Elizabeth, executrix, and bequeathed to his son-in-law, CHARLES STANSFELD, as much in marriage, as his other son-in-law, Xpofer Sutcliffe, had, "and as wel arrayed in everie respect."

*Vol. xxij. folio 560 a.* Dated 24th September and proved 20th October 1587.

RICHARD STANSFELD of Blackshayhead, in Stansfield, desired his body to be buried, in the church or churchyard of Heptonstall. He bequeathed two messuages in Wadsworth, called Horsheye and Brodeshaye, and also a messuage called Blackeshayhead, and all lands &c. to his wife, AGNES, for life, and her widowhood. Then the two messuages, to Simeon, son of John Greenwood, late of Colden, deceased, paying £40, to uses of will, and his heirs; if none, then to his youngest brother, John Greenwood, and heirs; in default, to William, younger son of testator's son-in-law, William Ferror, and heirs. The reversion of Blackshayhead, he bequeathed to Samuel, younger brother of Simeon Greenwood, and heirs, paying £20 to uses of will; in default, to the said John Greenwood; in default, to the said William Ferror.

He bequeathed to his daughter, CHRYSTABELL £80, for her portion; and to his wife, whom he appointed executrix, the remainder of his goods.

*Vol. xxiv. folio 26a.* Dated 24th December 1588, proved 17th April 1589.

I AGNES STANSFEILD, late wife of RICHARD STANSFEILD of Blackshayehed, deceased, widdow, make my last will &c. My body to be buried in the parish church or chappel at Heptonstall. My will is, all my debts &c. paid, I do give £20, to be bestowed at my buriall and bringing forthe, in manner and forme following; that is to say, all that goe to the church with me, to have bread and drinke, and the reste of the said £20, to be bestowed upon the poore. To William, Anne, Marie, and Elizabeth, children of William Ferror, £6 13s. 4d. each. To daughter, Isabell Greenwood, and her son, John, £20. She gave £10, for a building at Horseley, for use of Simeon Greenwood; his sisters, Grace, Marie and Sara, to receive it from him. Mentioned Henry Cawdray, and his daughters, Grace, Alice, and Elizabeth, wife of Richard Whitehead. Appointed her daughter, CHRISTABELL STANSFEILD, residuary legatee and sole executrix.

*Vol. xxiv. folio 176a.* Dated 3rd February 1586-7, proved 11th November 1589.

WILLIAM STANSFELD, servant to George Firthe, of the Lower Gootehouse, in the chapelry of Eland, wollen webster. He bequeathed all to his brother, HUGH STANSFELD, servant to John Firth of the Overgootehouse.

Dated 1591, proved in 1593.

JOHN STANSFEILD, of Kirkheaton, mentioned his wife ISABELLA, and son, JOHN STANSFEILD, a minor.

*Vol. xxvii. folio 524a.* Dated 28th December 1598, proved 13th March 1598-9.

I RICHARD STANSFEILD, of the township of Sowerby, and county of Yorke, clothier &c. make this my last will &c. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Hallifax &c. My will is, that my wife, MARY, have the third part, according to the custom of the country &c. Item, my will is, that all the rest of my goods and chattells, be equally divided amongst my children, that is to say, EASTER, SARA, ABRAHAM and RICHARD STANSFEILD. Item, my will is, that John Firth of the Light-hassells, have the tuition of Abraham Stansfeild, my son, during his minority. Item, my will is, that Isabell Bates of the Bothome, my mother-in-law, have the tuition and bringing up of Sara Stansfeild, my daughter, and her portion, during her minority. That my wife have the tuition and bringing up of Easter and Richard Stansfeild &c. &c. Brother-in-law, Matthew Bates, one of the supervisors.

*Vol. xxviii. folio 223.* Dated 11th April and proved 2nd October 1600.

I CHRISTOPHER STANSFEILD, in the parish of Guyseley, in the diocese of Yorke &c., make my last will &c. My body to be buried in the church of Guyseley. I will that my executors shall give unto the parish of Ottley xxvs. viijd. To every poor householder, in Menston and Guyseley iiijd. Executors, Thomas Dayes of Farnley, and Peter Smith of Ottley, my nephews.

*Vol. xxviii. folio 361.* Dated 15th March 1600-1, proved 30th April 1601.

Memorandum, that the fiftenth daie of Marche, in the 43rd yeare, of the Queen's majesty's raigne, that now is, anno. dom. 1600. I THOMAS STANSFEILD of Stanburie, in the parish of Haworth, in the countie of Yorke, being whole of mind &c. My will is, that after my death, my whole goods, cattell and chattells, credit and debt, be divided into two equal partes, the first equal half-part thereof, I will that it shall descend, and come unto JENNETT STANSFEILDE, my wife. To ELIZABETH STANSFEILD, my sister vjs viijd. The residue of the other half part of goodes &c. I bequeath unto JENNETT STANSFEILD of Stanberie, aforesaid, my servante, daughter unto JOHN STANSFEILDE of Stanberie, and to the only use and behoofe of the said Jennett Stansfeld; and to that end and purpose, that this my last will and test. be prudently performed, I make the said Jennett Stansfeld, my true and lawfull executrix &c.

*Vol. xxviii. folio 415a.* Dated 24th December 1597, proved 10th July 1601.

Agnes Sutclif of Howhoole, in Earingden, widow, bequeathed a small legacy to George, son of Edward Hopkinson; and the residue to John Wilkinson, Henry Draper, Henry Nayler, Samuel Sutcliffe and AGNES STANSFELD.

*Vol. xxix.. folio 222.* Dated 28th December 1599, proved 25th January 1603-4.

I THOMAS STANSFEILD of Welley, make my last will &c. I will that BRIDGETT, my wife, shall have the third parte of all my goodes &c. Item, I bequeath to my son, THOMAS, 3s. 4d. To my son, RICHARD, 6s. 8d. To my daughter, ELLEN, 6s. 8d. Further I will, my debts, funeral expenses &c. paid, that all my goodes unbequeathed, shall be equally divided, among my other three children, viz. STEPHEN, ROBERT and JANE. Item, my will is, that Bridgett, my wife, shall have my house in Welley, with appurtenances, during her widowhood; but if she



marry again, then she shall have but her third parte &c. If the said Bridgett, my wife, be not able to maintain and bring up, my said three children, during her widowhood, she shall make sale of the said house &c. Item, I make the said Bridgett, my wife, full executrix.

*Vol. xxix. folio 238b.* Dated 1601, proved 15th February 1603.

HENRY STANSFELD of Heptonstall, clothier, bequeathed to George Halstead of Ayringden, and Richard Michell of Stryndes, 40 marks, to be distributed as he directs. Residue to his daughters, MARIE and GRACE.

*Vol. xxxj. folio 445b.* Dated 20th April, proved 4th October 1610.

I RICHARD STANSFEILD of Hallifax, in the countie of Yorke, make this my last will &c. As to my worldlie goodes, my will is, that the same be equally divided into two partes, my debts &c. paid, then half of which, I will that EDONNE, my wife, shall have, in recompence of her right and title, to my whole goodes; and the other half, unto my son, JOHN STANSFEILD, and that it shall be put into the hand of George Holstead of Stainsfeild, and that at a years end, my son to dwell, and to be educated and brought up, in the trade of clothing, with the said George Holstead &c. Item, fortie shillings to Edonne, my wife. Item, fortie shillings to Geo Holstead. Item, I will and bequeath unto my sister's, Alice Smith's, children, every one of them, twelve shillings; and all the residue, I will &c. unto my brother's, NICHOLAS STANSFEILD's, children, and to my sister's, Jennett Copman's, children, equally to be divided among them &c. I ordaine the said Edonne, my wife, and my son, John, sole executors &c.

*Vol. xxxij. folio 696b.* Dated 11th January and proved 23rd March 1613-14.

John Horsfall of Heptonstall, declared in his will, that John Widdopp of Ealand, was bound to his brothers-in-law, THOMAS STANSFELD and Thomas Crabtree, to pay £40 to his children, Mary, Martha and John Horsfall. Mentioned his wife, Anna, and another son, Richard Horsfall.

*Vol. xxxiij. folio 221b.* Dated 2nd October 1613, proved 3rd August 1614.

John Appleyard of Hipperholme, bequeathed the residue of his property, to his son, John, he to bring up testator's two grandchildren, SAMUEL and GRACE STANSFELD, with meate and clothe, till each be 20. Mentioned his daughters, Sara, Mary, Grace and Susan.

*Vol. xxxij. folio 337a.* Dated 24th December 1613, proved 2nd November 1614.

Sara Appleyard mentioned in her will, her brother, John Appleyard, and his children, Richard, Samuel and Susan; her eldest sister, Marie Vicars; and her other sister, GRACE STANSFELD, widow; and her neece, GRACE, sole daughter of RICHARD STANSFELD, deceased.

*Vol. xxxij. folio 286.* Dated 12th July 1613, proved 6th October 1614.

I, MAUDE STANSFELD of Calverley, within the countie of Yorke, widdow, make this my last will &c. I give unto JOHN STANSFELD, my eldest son, ten pounds, part of that £13, which he oweth me. Item, I give unto every one of his children, vjs. viijd. out of that money, and the remainder of that, shall be bestowed upon my funeral. Item, I give unto Christopher Hodgson, my son-in-law, xxd.; unto Maude Lambe, my grandchild, xxd.; unto every one that I am godmother unto, and grandmother unto, xxd. My debts paid &c. I give equally, unto Sible Lambe, Marye Hodshon, and Isabell Hollinge, my daughters. I make Richard Lambe, Christopher Hodshon, and Jesper Hollings, executors &c.

*Vol. xxxv. folio 81b.* Dated 23rd October 1617, proved 1st July 1618.

Grace Mitton of the Gesling Royde, in Barsland, spinster, bequeathed to JOHN STANSFELD, husband of her sister, MARIE, 30s.; and to his son, JOHN, 6s. 8d.

*Vol. xl. folio 167b.* Dated 8th February 1627-8, proved same day.

John Grenewood of the Hygreave, in Wadsworth, husbandman, bequeathed to his servant maid, JENNETT STANSFELD, 20s.

*Vol. xl. folio 384b.* Dated 26th May 1627, proved 23rd April 1629.

Mychaell Hoile of Merribente, in parish of Ealand, clothier, bequeathed to his sister, MARTHA, wife of MARK STANSFELDE, £6 13s. 4d.

*Vol. xlij. folio 152b.* Dated 27th February 1631-2, proved 8th May 1633.

RICHARD STANSFELD of Sowerby, mentioned his wife, SUZANNA, and daughter, SUZANNA; and appointed Thomas Sugden of Hipperholme, her tutor.

*Vol. xliij. folio 157a.* Dated 16th December 1632, proved 8th May 1633.

Anthony Uttley of Stansfeild, bequeathed to JANE, wife of SIMON STANSFELD, £3.

*Vol. xliij. folio 485b.* Dated 5th September 1634, proved 3rd May 1635.

SIMON STANSFELD of Stansfeild, yeoman, bequeathed to his wife, JANE, for life, a messuage &c. lately purchased of JAMES STANSFELD esq. called Heyhead, in Stansfeild, in testator's tenure; paying to his son and heir, JAMES, 20s. yearly, with no power to let, except to said son, JAMES, at £4 per annum. Then to son, JAMES, he paying to sons, JOHN and THOMAS, £30 in three years. To his wife, and sons, JOHN and THOMAS, his interest in the messuage, where he dwelt. To his son, JAMES, three stones of wooll, and those sheepe, at Swallowshawe, and fflower sheepe in his keepinge, being goodes gotten under him, and by his permission. He excluded him from the rest, except such sawed timber and wood, as were upon, and belonged to the finishinge of, the messuage called Heyhead. Rest of goods, he left a third to his wife, and to JOHN and THOMAS, another third each. To his daughter, ELIZABETH, 20s.; and six lambes, to her six children. To his daughter-in-law, MARTHA, 5s, and to each of his godchildren, and to his servant, Ellen Whitehead, 12d. He left the residue to his sons, JOHN and THOMAS, and appointed his wife, with the former, his executors.

*Vol. xliij. folio 593a.* Dated 3rd September 1634, proved 22nd July 1635.

Isabell Crosley, wife of Joseph Crosley of Stansfeild, by virtue of a bond, under hand and seal of said Joseph, to Hugh Pilling and JAMES STANSFELD of Stansfeild, bequeathed to JAMES, JOHN and THOMAS, sons of SYMON STANSFELD, £15. To the children of her brother, James Roberts, £4. To Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Greenwood; Isabell, wife of Jonas Hardye; and to Mary, wife of Richard Eastwood, £2 13s. 4d. each. Mentioned also James Robert, son of James Robert and her sister, JANE, and their daughters.

Dated 8th February 1640, proved 10th May 1641.

I, JANE STANSFELD of Hyghead in Stansfeild, in the countie of York, widdow, make my last will. My debts and expenses paid &c. then my mind is, that my two flannell petticoates, my best wastcote, and best wastcote studes, and four yards of russett cloth, be sold, and equally divided; viz. to JAMES, my son, one part, to JOHN, my son, one other part, to THOMAS, my son, the third part. And my will is, that John

and Thomas put the sayd money to profit, to the use of their two children ; and I give my old hatt lined, to my grandchild, the daughter of Thomas Stansfeild. My new hatt and wastcote, to Ellen Robt., for the use of her children ; and the remainder of my apparell, I give to Elizabeth, my natural daughter, and Mary and Isabell, her two daughters, and the wife of John, and the wife of Thomas Stansfeild. I give unto Mary Greenwood, one little shift. I give unto the sons of Thomas Greenwood, my son-in-lawe, eighty shepe, to put to profit. To Mary and Isabell Greenwood, my grandchildren, bedclothes for one bed. To MARTHA STANSFEILD, widdow, my daughter-in-lawe, six shillings. To the six children of Thomas Greenwood, my son-in-lawe, six pounds &c. The remainder of all my goodes, I give them wholly to James Stansfeild, my son, whom I make executor &c.

Dated 15th April 1633, proved 4th February 1639-40.

I MICHAEL STANSFEILD of Halifax, in the countie of Yorke, milner, make my last will. All my debts &c. paid, I will that MARY, my wife, shall have her right third pt. All the remainder of my said goods, unto my two brethren, JONATHAN and THOMAS STANSFEILD, either of them £12. To my sister, MARTHA, other £12. The residue and remainder of all my goods, I give unto the said MARY, my wife, whom I make sole executrix &c.

Dated 20th April 1641, proved 21st July 1642.

I SAMUEL STANSFEILD of Halifax, in the countie of York, clothier, make my last will &c. All debts &c. paid, I give unto SAMUEL STANSFEILD and JOSEPH STANSFEILD, to either of them, ten pounds. Item, to Marie Bynnes, my mother, five shillings, and unto JOHN STANSFEILD, my brother, my suit ; and to JOHN STANSFEILD, my godson, the son of the said John, my brother, one payre of lomes, warping wough, and warping ringe, and all the implemts. to the same. Item, unto my other children, that I am godfather to, twelpence a peece. Item to John Smether, my servant, if he continue with my wife, another suit. The remainder of all my goods &c. debts discharged, and my wife's right deducted, unto my four children, DANIEL, JOSEPH, MARY and GRACE STANSFEILD, and I appoint SIBILL, my loving wife, sole executrix of this my last will.

*Vol. xlvj. folio 355a.* Dated 11th April 1656.

John Hoyle of Hirsthouse, in the township of Sowerby, yeoman, bequeathed 5s. to MARKE STANSFEILD, and 2s. 6d. to each of his children, JOHN, MARY and MARTHA STANSFEILD.

*Vol. xlvj. folio 568a.* Dated 3rd November 1663.

JAMES STANSFIELD of Heahead, in Stansfeild, yeoman, bequeathed £20 to his daughter, MARY; and the messuages called Heahead and Winsley, to his two sons, JAMES and JOHN. He mentioned his brother, JOHN; and ordained his brother, THOMAS, and his own wife, MARY, executors.

*Vol. xlvij. folio 79a.* Dated 19th June 1664.

Tobie Pickles of Stansfeild, bequeathed 10s. to his grand-daughter, PRUDENCE STANCEFEILD.

*Vol. xlvij. folio 84b.* Dated 12th August 1649.

ABRAHAM STANSFEILD of Stansfeild, husbandman, mentioned his wife, ELIZABETH; and bequeathed his loomes, to his grandchild, JEDDIAN STANSFEILD.

*Vol. l. folio 242a.* Dated 4th February 1667-8.

Sarah, widow of Michaell Sutcliffe, of Stansfeild, bequeathed 5s. to her nephew, ABRAHAM STANSFEILD.

*Vol. liij. folio 235b.* Dated 15th March 1671-2.

James Whittaker of Sowerby, servingman, bequeathed £2, to SARAH, wife of NICHOLAS STANSFEILD.

*Vol. liij. folio 456a.* Dated 13th October 1671.

Thomas Hirst of Rastricke, clothier, bequeathed 12d. as a legacie, to a child of THOMAS STANSFIELD, late of Brighouse, deceased, by his late wife, SUZAN, who was testator's niece.

*Vol. liv. folio 242a.* Dated 13th May 1673.

Jonas Robertshay of Stansfeild, widow, bequeathed to GEORGE STANSFIELD, sundry debts.

### PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY.

A summary of the wills and administrations, in the P.C.C., 1506-1783.

1506. ROBERT STANFELD, rector of Lacheworth in the dioc. of Lincoln. [Letchworth co. Herts.] Will, 1st Sept. 1506, proved 9th October 1506. (*Register "Adeane" 11.*)

1551. RICHARD STANSFELD, esq., Citizen and Skinner of London. Will, 27th June 1551, proved 16th December 1551, by John Cooke esq. See Stansfeld of Shepley, for this will in full. [*Register* "Bucke" 36.]

1559. RICHARD STANFEILDE, of the city of Coventry. Will, 15th August 1558, proved last August 1559, for MARGARET, the relict.

To be buried at the west door of Trinity church, Coventry, where the procession cometh in. Mentions, son, JOHN (a minor); my sister, MARGARET, to dwell in my house, at Wynnell; brother, WILLIAM, in Lancaster. Lands at Coventry. My house in Gosford st. next the Pageant house, after death of wife, to the King's School, of which my M<sup>r</sup> ys founder. All my brothers' and sisters' children, in the north, to share &c. To poor of Trinity parish, &c. [*Register* "Chaney" 38.]

1626. JOHN STANSFIELD of the Cliffe neere Lewes, Sussex, gentleman, 23rd Jan<sup>y</sup> 1626-7, concluded 14th Feb<sup>y</sup> 1626-7, and proved 22nd March 1626-7, by Elianor Evelyn als Stansfield, daughter and Ex'trix.

In the name of the Father, the Sonne and the Holie Ghost, three Persons and one God, blessed for ever. I JOHN STANSFIELD of the Cliffe, neere Lewes, in the countie of Sussex, gentleman, &c.

To be buried in the church of All Saints, Lewes, where I was borne; and the friends, invited to funeral, to be well entertained, and mourning gowns to be provided, of which eight are to be poor persons of Cliffe, and four of All Saints. To the repair of All Saints, 20s. To the preacher of my funeral sermon, 20s. To the repair of Cliffe church, 40s. To the poor on day of burial, £15, viz., to Cliffe, £5, and to each parish, in Lewes and Southover, 40s.

Amongst honest preaching ministers in Sussex, having a wife and children, and no preferment, £20.

To JANE, my welbeloved and weldeserving wief, £200, half my linen, 3 quarters of wheat, wood, charcoal, 5 quarters of malt, apparal, and jewels. and so much plate, as weighs 120 ozs. Household stuff, and furniture, so long as she remains a widow, in my house at Cliffe.

To THOMAS STANSFIELD, my brother's son, £200 at 24; and to ROGER, another son, £80.

To William Goffe and John Goffe, my sister's sons, each £100.

To Agnes Brattell, my brother's daughter, £10. To Margery Cheale, my sister's daughter, £5. To cousin Mitten and her children, except Joan and Margaret, already provided for, £25.

To each servant, one year's wages extra.

To grandchild, ELIZABETH EVELYN, daughter of RICHARD EVELYN of Wotton, Surrey, esqre., and of ELIANOR, his wife, my only daughter and heir apparent, £500, at 21, or marriage; and to JANE EVELYN, another daughter, £500, at 21 or marriage.

To the poor of Shipley, Sussex, 40s.; of Northstock, 40s.

Residue, to my said daughter and onlie childe, Ellinor Evelyn, wief to the foresaid Richard Evelyn, and she to be ex'trix. I know she hath a wise and understanding husband, and able to mannage farr greater matters than theis are, &c.

Overseers, Edward Mitchell esqre., Will<sup>m</sup>. Newton esqre., John Rowe gent., Nicholas Russell, yeoman; and to each 40s.

To Mistres Walsingham Mitchell, my mother-in-lawe; Mrs. Andrewes, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Lagge, my sisters-in-law; Mrs. Walsingham Churcher, Mrs. Katherine Sande, Mrs. Clemens Evans, Mrs. Walsingham Houghton, and Mrs. Anne Theobald, my kinswomen, 20s. each. To Mr. Thomas Mitchell, my brother-in-law, £5. To cousin John Mitchell of Houghton, 40s. To cousin Elinor Gouldham of Cliffe, 20s. [All for rings].

To John Sampson, the younger, of King's Cleev, Southampton, £5 for books, &c.

Touching my lands, &c. I leave to my wife, an annuity of £180, payable quarterly, in the Sessions House, Lewes; and Richard and Ellinor Evelyn, to give assurance, to carry out the bequest.

During her life, and as I was wont to do, wife to give to the poor of Cliffe, 4s. weekly, in bread and money.

The following annuities to be regularly paid: THOMAS STANSFIELD, aforesaid, £13 6s. 8d.; William Goffe, for life, £13 6s. 8d., (EXORS. to see, that if any of debts of William Goffe, are owing, that they be paid first, out of the annuity); John Goffe, £10; Agnes Brattell, £5; Margery Cheale, £5; Ralph Streatle, my servant, 40s.; Abraham Henty, my servant, 40s. All which annuities, to be payable out of my lands in Sussex, except my residence in the Cliffe.

To son-in-law, Richard Evelyn, and Elinor, my daughter, his wife, all that my manor of Denton, with the advowson, lands and appurts.; and also, after my wife's death, the reversion of the messuage &c. in the Cliffe. Also to them, my messuage &c. in Eckington, also Ripe, in Sussex. To hold to them and their heirs, for ever. Alsoe all that my capitall messuage called South Maulling, with all the landes, tenements, tythes, rights and appurts. thereunto belonging, scituate and being neere

Lewes, in the said countie of Sussex. And after their decease, to be and remayne to my grandchild and godsonne, JOHN EVELYN, sonne of the said Richard Evelyn, and Ellinor, his wief, and to the heires of the bodie of the said John Evelyn, lawfully to be begotten; in default, to RICHARD EVELYN, another son of Richard, and heirs; in default, to GEORGE EVELYN, another son, and heirs; in default, to my right heirs.

To said daughter, Ellinor Evelyn, during life, all that my manors of Northstock, with all the rights, &c. in Sussex, together with the lands called Poulspeeche, late Shellyes in Shipley; and after her decease, to grandchild, George Evelyn, and his heirs; in default to grandchild, Richard Evelyn, and heirs; in default, to my right heirs. Also to said daughter, without impeachment of waste, the messuage and lands in Pevernsey and Hove, or either of them, in Sussex, lately purchased of Thomas Elsick, gent.; and after her decease, to grandchild, Richard Evelyn and heirs; in default, to John Evelyn and heirs; in default, to George Evelyn and heirs; in default, to my right heirs.

For the better maintenance of the said grandchildren, Richard and George Evelyn, £50 to each.

Written on 12 sheets of paper.

JOHN STANSFIELD.

Witnesses: Sam Towers, Robert Towers, Thomas Mitchell and Thomas Houghton.

By Deed, dated 30th Nov. last [1626], was granted to Robert Morley of Glynde, Esq<sup>re</sup>, John Sherley of Lewes, Esq<sup>re</sup>, Anthony Stapley of Patcham, Esq<sup>re</sup>, Richard Shelley of Lewes, gent., Samuel Towers of Cliffe, gent., Walter Dobell of Lewes, gent., an annuity or rent charge of £20, issuing out of the capital messuage, called South Maulling, and all the lands and appurts. belonging, upon certain trusts therein specified &c., he confirms such deed and trusts &c.

Witnesses, Edward Mitchell, Thos. Scottson, Thos. Houghton, Thos. Lucas, and Ralph Streatle. [*Register "Skynner" 26.*]

[NOTES from Evelyn's *Diary &c.* My mother's name was Eleanor, sole daughter and heyresse of JOHN STANSFIELD esqr. of an ancient and honorable family (though now extinct) in Shropshire &c. My grandfather STANDFIELD dyed this yeare on 5 Feb. 1626-7.]

1629. HUMPHREY STANSFELD. Will, 1st April 1629, proved 6th Sept. 1630, by Thomas Averill of Poplar.



Mentions brother, RICHARD STANSFELD of Saltash, near Plymouth, and his four children. Poor of St. Nicholas, Gloucester, and of Poplar, alias Blackwall, Middlesex. Wife MARIE STANSFELD. [*Register "Scroope" 80.*]

1646. VINCENT STANSFELD, of the Lordship of Bradnap, in the parish of Leeke co. Stafford, husbandman. Will 18th Nov. 1643, proved 16th June 1646.

Mentions JOHN, ELLEN and ANNE, the sons and daughters of half-brother, HENRY STANSFELD. [*Register "Twisse" 80.*]

1646. ANNE STANSFELD, of Allthill, in the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancaster. Will, 31st Dec. 1644, admon, 6th Oct. 1646.

Mentions sister, Elizabeth Cock, widow; eldest sister, Alice Dickenson, and her children. One of witnesses, JOHN STANSFELD. [*Register "Twisse" 142.*]

1653. THOMAS STANSFIELD, of Todmerdon, in the parish of Rackdale, [Rochdale] co. Lancaster, yeoman. Will, last of April 1652, proved 26th Sept. 1653, by ELIZABETH, the relict. See Stansfeld of Ewood and Adamroyd, for a full copy of this will. [*Register "Brent" 99.*]

1654. WILLIAM STANSFELD, of Euxton, co. Lancaster, yeoman. Will, 8th May 1654, proved 29th August 1654, by CLEMENCE STANSFELD, relict, and Richard Haydock, of Chorley.

Mentions, to be buried at Eyland; four daughters, Alice Pemberton, MARY STANSFELD, JENNETT STANSFELD, and Margaret Parker. Poor of Heskyn, Eyland, Euxton and Chorley. Charles Smith als. Stansfield. THOMAS, RICHARD, WILLIAM, and JOHN, sons of JOHN STANSFELD. [*Register "Alchin" 106.*]

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1655. WILLIAM STANSFELD, of Torworth, in the parish of Blyth, co. Nottingham, yeoman. Will, 29th April 1655, proved 19th Nov. 1655, by MARGARET, relict.

Mentions son, RICHARD, father-in-law, Richard Newcome and three brethren, Francis, Oliver and Ellis Bradley. Poor of Blyth, Bornely on ye Moor, Torworth and Ranskill. ROBERT STANSFELD of East Retford, aged 16. Lands called Milne Meadow. John and Robert Crumwell, &c. [*Register "Aylett" 418.*]

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20.     "     Tricking of arms from a Mon<sup>t</sup> in Eland Church.
21. Stanyfeild of Shepley, Richard. Docket of Grant.
22. Stanesfeild of Stanesfeild ("from whom is descended S. of Lewes co: Sussex") Docket of Grant, 1628.
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 1630 Sept. Scroop. Folio 80. Humfridus Stanfield.  
 1646 June. Twisse. Folio 80. Vincent Stanfield. Staff.  
       Oct. do. Folio 142. Ann Stanfield. Lanc<sup>er</sup>.  
 1653 Sept. Brent. Folio 99. Thomas Stanfield. Lanc<sup>er</sup>.  
 1654 — Alchin. Folio 106. William Stanfield. Lanc<sup>er</sup>.  
       — Do. Folio 427. George Stansfield. York.  
 1655 Nov. Aylett. Folio 418. William Stanfield. Notts.  
 1672 Jan. Eure. Folio 7. Sara Stanfield. Ebor.  
 1692 Sept. do. Will'mus Stanfield.  
 1695 Oct. Irky. Folio 160. Henricus Stanfield.  
 1696 Feb. Bond. Anna Stanfield. Midd.  
 1709 Mar. Lane. Folio 99. Francis Stanfield, P.T.  
       July. do. Jacobus Stanfield, P.T. (Ad.)  
 1710 Feb. Smith. Folio 39. Francis Stanfield, P.T.S.  
 1713 Nov. Leeds. Thom<sup>s</sup>. Stanfield, P.T. (Ad.)  
 1715 Sept. Fagg. Ric<sup>d</sup>. Scanfield for Stanfield (Ad.)  
       June. do. Edwardus Stansfield (Ad.) Surry.  
 1720 July. Shaller. Folio 165. Ely Stansfield. Notts.  
 1730 Feb. Auber. Hen'cus Stanfield, P.T. (Ad.) C. A.  
 1731 — J. Wain. Ric<sup>d</sup>. Stansfield. (Ad.) Suff.  
 1732 Nov. Bedford. Folio 274. Eliz<sup>th</sup>. Stansfeld. Middx.  
 1740 June. Browne. George Stanfield, P.T.S. (Ad.)  
 1741 Oct. Spurway. James Standfield. P. T. (Ad.)  
 1746 Feb. Edmunds. Folio 64. Joseph Stanfield. Lond.  
 1755 Feb. Paul. Folio 58. Samuel Stanfield. Lond.  
       Mar. do. Samuel Stanfield. Double probate will reg<sup>r</sup>. Feb.  
       last. Lond.  
 1756 Nov. Glazier. Stanesfield (formerly Rebecca als. Rebecker  
       Ward). (Ad.) Midx.  
 1757 Aug. Herring. Folio 258. John Stamfeld. Midx.  
 1760 Sep. Lynch. Folio 372. George Schofield als Scanfield ad  
       cem<sup>y</sup>. P.T.S.  
 1761 Mar. Chestyn. Folio 108. Lydia Standfield. Glou.  
 1764 Dec. Simpson. Folio 482. James Stanfield. P. T. S.  
 1766 Dec. Tyndall. Folio 467. Rev. Benjamin Stanfield. Middx.  
 1780 Nov. Collins. Folio 541. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Standfield als Stanfield. P.T.S.  
 1783 Apr. Cornwallis. Folio 200. Mary Stansfeld. Lond.  
 1788 July. Calvert. Folio 405. Francis Stanfield. South<sup>tn</sup>.  
 1789 Apr. Macham. Wm. Standfield. Middx.  
 1790 Jan. Bishop. Martha Stanfell. South<sup>tn</sup>.

- 1796 Oct. Harris. Folio 480. James Stansfield. Midd<sup>x</sup>.  
 1797 Aug. Exeter. Folio 427. Jane Stanfield. York.  
 Mar. do. Folio 199. Mary Stanfield. Staff.  
 1572-3 September. Administration Calendar, Somerset House. Folio  
 58. Richard Stansfeld, London.

### STATE PAPER CALENDARS.

References to the name of Stansfeld, in the printed calendars of state papers. [1509-1667.]

1513-4. March 18th. Grant of protection for HUGH STANSFELD, going to the war. Dated, Westminster, 5th Henry 8th, in French. (*Roll m. 10.*)

1513-4. March 19th. Another grant for HUGH STANSFELD, retained to serve in the war. Signed and sealed. Privy seal, to Robert, Lord Curzon, master of the ordnance in the rearward.

1523-4. Feby 5th. A Release to Sir Richard Tempest, as late sheriff of Yorkshire, and of his bail, Th. Tempest of Bradford, and JAMES STANSFELD of Stanfeld, from their recognizances of 100 marks, entered into, 10th Nov<sup>r</sup>. 8 Hen. 8. Dated Westm<sup>r</sup>. 15 Henry 8th. (*S. B. Pat. p. 1. m. 23.*)

1571. Oct<sup>r</sup>. 8th. Papers of the examination of Henry Simpson, of Darlington, in the bishoprick of Durham, before Sir Thomas Gargrave, Matthew Hutton, Dean of York, and Thomas Eyners. Among other matters, recites that he heard STANSFELD, an Englishman, say that the Earl of Westmoreland had sent certain letters, &c. (*S. P. Dom. Ser. Elizabeth vol. xix. 75. Add.*)

1600. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 6th. An order to pay £110 to JOHN STANSFELD. (Minutes of the Court of Adventurers to the East Indies. Colonial Papers. *Court Book I.* 26-35.)

1621. Oct<sup>r</sup>. 24th. Petition of HUMPHRY STANSFELD, to the East India Company, for a gratuity. (*Court Book V.* 167.)

1630. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 17th. Grant to Thomas Harrison, the elder, with a fee of 12<sup>d</sup>. per day, from the death of HUMPHRY STANSFELD, deceased, of the place of gunner, in the Tower of London. Dated Westm<sup>r</sup>. In Latin. (*Sign Manual No. 32.*)

1636. May 2nd. A certificate of Edward Stephens, late sheriff of co. Gloucester, of the assessment of the clergy, for ship money. It contains a complete list of the clergy, for the county, arranged in hundreds.



That of the hundred of Longtrees contains:—JAMES STANSFELD of Rodborough. 5½ pp. (*S.P. Dom. Charles I. Vol. 320, No. 7.*)

1640. A letter from John Allibond, dated, the Bishop's Palace, Gloucester, 24th March, to Dr. Peter Heylin, Prebendary of Westminster, in which, speaking of the recent election of M.P., and its partisans, STANSFELD, a lecturer at Rodborough, is mentioned, as having taken part. (*S.P. Dom. Charles I. Vol. 448, No. 79.*)

1665. Letter from Capt. J. Lightfoot, to the Navy Comm<sup>rs</sup> dated Edinburgh, June 14<sup>th</sup>, in which he says he has drawn a bill of £80 on Sir William Batten and JAMES STANSFELD, and provided £298 for victuals, payable to John Lindsay, goldsmith of Lombard St. (*Adm. Paper, S. P. Dom. Charles 2 Vol. 124, No. 65.*)

#### MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.

1587. EDWARD STANSFELD, webster, of Sowerby, occurs as a witness in Star chamber proceedings, between Michael Foxcroft and Henry Farrer. He is stated to have been 35 years of age, at the above date. (*Public Record Office.*)

1392. August 15th. In a deed dated as above, settling the succession of Wadyngton, near Mankinknowles, the witnesses named were, Joh'e le Saywell, milite, Hen'o. le Saywell, milite, Ric'o. de Hamerton, Hen'o de Langefeld, Joh'e de Crosleghe, NICHOLAS DE STANSFELD et aliis. [*Watson's MSS. iij. page 19.*]

1773. Index Nominum of Watson's MSS.

STANSFELD. LAURENCE, 1569. LAURENCE de Stansfeld, 1583. JOHN de, 1288. NICHs. de, 1392. THOMAS son of NICHs., 1530. THOMAS, 1449, 1503, 1532. THOMAS, senior and junior, 1548. SIMON, vicar of Batley, 1495. PETER, 1454. XPOFER 1454. EDWARD of Erringden 1560, 1582. WILL. de, 1353. ROB. de, 1371.

1187. RALPH DE STAYNFELD, sixth abbot of Bardney, co. Lincoln, was succeeded this year, by Robert. [*Browne Willis' Mitred Abbies, p. 30.*]

Amongst the pensions, paid to the monks of Nostel priory, was EGIDIO STANSFELDE, p'sbitero. £5 6s. 8d.

#### EXTRACTS FROM COURT ROLLS.

At Halifax Turn, 22nd April 1417, RALPH STANSFELD and John Aikerode, of Wadsworth, were presented, and ordered to be attached, for depasturing, in the park there, without licence, during the winter, the former 29 beasts, and the latter 6 beasts and 5 horses.

1449-50. PERKIN STANCEFELD, constable of Langfield.

30th June, 2 Hen. VII. [1486]. JAMES STANSFELD, by James Waterhouse, surrenders into the hands of the lord, the reversion of one messuage, called Bayche, and 12 acres of land and meadow, in Warley, after that term, which Richard Waterhouse, senior, and John Maud, junior, have in it, by the lease of JAMES STANSFELD for term of years, to the use of Richard Akroyd and his heirs, for ever. Rent 13s. 4d. yearly.

1473. JAMES STANSFELD paid heriot for above, after the death of RALPH, his grandfather, and of JOHN, father of said JAMES STANSFELD.

1473. JAMES STANSFELD surrendered on lease, for 21 years, to Richard Waterhouse, and John Maud the younger.

4th November 1524. [In very bad condition.]

Edward Akroyd through THOMAS STANCEFELD, surrenders a messuage with divers lands, now in tenure of Isabella Crosslee, after lapse of term, which Peter Crosselee has, to the use of John Wadsworth and his assigns, for 6 years.

29th April 1554. Graveship of Sowerby. Elizabeth Akroyd, in widowhood, surrenders by Henry Farrer, all interest and term of years, which she has in 10 acres of land and  $\frac{1}{4}$  rood, of all edifices built thereupon, with appurtenances, in Turvyn, in tenure of JOHN STANSFELD; to the use of Henry Bentley, junior, son of Robert Bentley, and his assigns, from the surrender of Henry Thomas, father of said Elizabeth.

26th April 1559. Wakefield GreatCourt. Robert Akroyd surrenders by THOMAS STANSFELD, the fourth part of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres, with buildings, in the graveship of Sowerby, to the use of James Halylee, and his heirs.

5th August 1579. Heptonstall. John Akroyd abandons his plea against HENRY STANSFELD.

28th June 1582. Thirty-five cases of pleas of debt, from Heptonstall alone; amongst them, John Akroyd is summoned by, amongst others, HENRY STANSFELD.

1610. October 15th. CHARLES STANSFELD elected constable of Wadsworth.

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T. C. NOBLE'S MSS.

1546. November 26th. Marriage licence granted by the archbishop of Canterbury, to RICHARD STANSFILDE and Elizabeth Beyston of London.

1589. April 1st. Ditto. by the bishop of London, to THOMAS STANFELDE, of the parish of S. Bride's, Fleet street, and ANNE, daughter of John Barnes, co. Lancaster.
1682. August 9th. JOHN STANSFIELD and Mary Tray, married, by licence, at S. Dunstan's-in-the-West, Fleet street, London.

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1684. August 3rd. JOHN son of JOHN and ANN STANDFIELD, baptised at S. James', Clerkenwell.
1724. July 2nd. SAMUEL STANFIELD, of S. Catherine Cree church, London, widower, and Jane Hallen, of the same parish, married by licence, at the parish church of S. Antholin, Budge Row, London.
1748. April 10th. Richard Holden, of S. Margaret's, Lothbury, London, bachelor, and SARAH STANFELD of Halifax, co. York, spinster, with licence, by Mr. Tillotson.
- 1558 August 26th. EDMONDE STANFELDE, buried at S. Michael's, Cornhill.
1551. November 28th. Mrs. STANDFELDE, ditto.

1666. May 12th. Indenture of sale, for £60, by John Hopwood of Halifax, butcher, to Joshua Horton of Sowerby, esq., of two closes. called the Upp'most, and the Midle close, in Halifax, in occupation of HENRY STANSFIELD, adjoining the lane from Halifax to Willow Hall, on the north; between lands of Michael and John Parkinson, on the west; and lands of John Bothomley, on the north and northeast.

1761. October 2nd. Deed poll from John Ashworth of Causeway, in Warley, weaver, Mary Ashworth of Earnshaw, in Wadsworth, widow, THOMAS STANSFIELD of Shackleton, yeoman, and Moses Brigg, and Mary his wife, of Plumpton, in Wadsworth, yeoman.

1604. February 13th. LEDSHAM parish, Secret baptisme at Witham's house. William Stable's wief of Pontefract, bare a man's child, at y<sup>e</sup> house of Peter Wytham, in Fairburne, about the 13 of February last; but where it was baptized, it is not knowne. AGNES STANSFIELD was y<sup>e</sup> midwief. [*Peacock's List of Roman Catholics in 1604* page 26.]

Schedule of Roman Catholics, having real estate in the West riding, in or between the years 1717 and 1734.

(114) Francis Stansfield of the city of York, gentleman.

(133) Jane Stansfield of Pontefract, co. York, widow.

(148) Francis Stanfield of the city of York, gentleman.

(169) Thomas Thorpe of Slead-Syke, in the township of Hipperholme-cum-Brigg-house, in the parish of Hallifax, co. York, yeoman.

(188) Mary Stanefield of the city of York, widow.

(191) Mary Thorpe of Slade-Syke, as above, widow.

The above Jane Stansfield of Pontefract, was evidently the widow of Robert Stansfield, who replied to king James II's enquiries, respecting the repeal of the Test Acts :—

“ I doe freely consent to that his Majestie demands of me.”

His name occurs amongst the aldermen of Pontefract, to stay in ; and amongst the new aldermen, as mayor, to be put in, if the king thinks fit.

[*Yorkshire Archaeological Journal.*]

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1715 May 18. Mrs. Mary Stansfield, buried.

1726 November 8. Mrs. Mary Stansfield, widow, buried.

[*All Saints' Registers, York.*]

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1664-5 Seth Bushell of Euxton, co. Lancaster, clerke, aged 38, 21st September 1664, married MARY, daughter of WILLIAM STANSFIELD of Euxton. [Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire, *Chetham Society*, vol. lxxxiv, page 62.]

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1765 March 25. Thomas Stansfield, esquire, died at Bradford, Yorkshire.

1772 [no date] Robert Stansfeld, died at Esholt, Yorkshire.

1805 February 20. George Stansfeld esq. of Fieldhouse, near Halifax, co. York, died aged 79.

[*Gentleman's Magazine.*]

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#### MARGERISON'S CALVERLEY REGISTERS.

1609 John Stansfield was one of the churchwardens of Calverley.

#### BAPTISMS.

1592 November 29. Hughe, son of Hugh Stanfeld of Pudsey.

1593-4 March 9. Grace, dau. of Hughe Stanfeld of Pudsey.

- 1595-6 March 21. Susan, dau. of Hugh Stanfeld of Pudsey.  
 1598 September 24. Marie, dau. of Hughe Stanfeld.  
 1600 April 22. Sara, dau. of Hughe Stanfeld.  
 1603-4 March 11. Joseph, son of Hughe Stanfeld.  
 1605-6 ——— 16. Nathan, son of Hughe Stanfeld.  
 1607 November 17. Richard, son of Hughe Stanfeld.  
 1610-11. March 3. Robert, son of Hughe Stanfeld.  
 1612 August 23. Grace, dau. of John Stanfeld.  
 1613 November 7. Añe, dau. of Hughe Stanfeld.  
 1616 June 30. Lawrence, son of John Stanfeld.  
 1674 April 5. Josh. son of Tho. Stansfield, Idle Parke.  
 1677-8 January 26. John, son of Thomas Stansfeild of Idle.  
 1680-1 ——— 15. Thomas, son of Thomas Stansfeild of Idle.

## MARRIAGES.

- 1600 November 12. Robert Carryer and Marye Stansfeild.  
 1606 June 3. Jesper Hollings and Isabell Stansfeild.  
 1663 April 21. William Marshall and Mary Stansfield.  
 1667 May 1. Samuel Marshall and Anna Stansfield.  
 1672 August 31. Thomas Stansfeild and Ann Smith.  
           November 13. Henery Butterfeild and Martha Stansfeild.  
 1676 September 5. Edward Sands and Sarah Stansfield.

## BURIALS.

- 1598 9 January 13. Marye, the dau. of Hughe Stansfeild.  
           March 22. Grace Stansfeild.  
 1603 June 9. Alice Stansfeild.  
 1606 September 25. Nathan, the sonn of Hugh Stansfeild.  
 1625 June 10. Hughe Stansfeild, of Pudsey, had a child buried.  
 1637 August 21. Anne Stanfeld.  
 1642-3 January 25. Hugh Stanfeld, of Pudsey.  
 1653 September 10. Richard Stansfield.  
 1657 April 30. Robert Stansfield.  
 1672 March 28. Thomas Stansfeild, of Idle Thorpe.  
 1674 June 10. Joshua, son of Thomas Stansfeild, Idle Thorpe.

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1597. In a document, dated the 7th day of June, 1597, THOMAS STANSFELD de Todmorden, in the county of Lancaster, yeoman, entered into an obligation to John Sunderland de Horshald, in Erringden, yeoman, in the sum of £40, to execute certain lawful covenants. The above is written in legal Latin, and on the back is the following, in English :—

The condition of this obligacon within written, is such, that whereas the within bounden THOMAS STANSFELD. by his surrender in writing, bearing date with this said obligacon, hath surrendered and given up with a straw, into the hands of Gabrael Bentley and John Sunderland, tayler, of Heptonstall, two customary tenants of the manor of Halifax. All those his messuages, cottages, chambers, p'loures, gardens, lands, tenements, and hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever, in the town of Heptonstall, in the several tenures and occupacons of the said THOMAS STANSFELD, John Sunderland, Agnes Ernshey, James Soytell, and Adam Browne, to the intent that the said Gabriell Bentley and John Sunderland, tayler, or some of them, shall surrender all the said, to the lorde, according to the custom of the manor, to the use and behoofs of the within named John Sunderland, his heirs and assigns for ever, and by the said surrender, more plainly it doth appear. Yf nowe the said THOMAS STANSFELD and MARYE his wife, shall and do, at all times hereafter, during the space of seven years, now next ensuing, execute all lawfull covenants, this obligacon to be of no effect.

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1517. This Indent. made the xxviiij day of Marche, in the eighth year of the reign of our sovereign lord, kyng Henry the viii, betwix JAMES STANSFELD, cosyn and heyr to GEFFRAY STANSFELD, of that one p'tie, and Henry Draper, of Waddsworth, of that other p'tie &c. James Stansfeld grants a parcel of ground, 16 yards by 8, in Wadsworth, in a close called Longsike, whereon to build one, or two, walk milns, and to attach a mill dam &c. Also liberty to carry away, all stone and timber necessary, from the closes of the said James, called Hillhouse closes and Tillyclyffs, in Wadsworth.

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1531. WILL'MO. STANSFELD iuxta Hepdenbrigge, along with John Bayles and William Aspden, priests, was witness to a deed of Robert, son of Richard Harryson, deceased, of flalandrode, in 1531.

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1539. THOMAS STANSFELD was witness, in another deed of the same, in 1539.





## CHAPTER XXI.

### NORTHGATE END CHAPEL, HALIFAX.



JUST as one of the branches of the Stansfeld family, is bound up, with the rise and progress of quakerism, in the parish of Halifax; so the descendants of the seventh son of Josias Stansfeld of the Breck, Sowerby, are intimately connected with the history of the "Society of Protestant Dissenters, assembling at the Northgate End chapel, in Halifax." This is how they are styled, in their own register of baptisms, in an entry, recording the appointment of a settled minister, in 1812. The following are the trust deeds of the chapel:—

28th March, 1699. Nathaniel Priestley of Ovenden, clerk, conveys the ground for £200.

15th May 1699. Articles of agreement, between original proprietors, and others admitted into their body.

3rd January 1709. Indenture between Nathaniel Priestley of Ovenden, clerk, son of Jonathan Priestley, late of Westercroft, deceased, to whom an interest had been conveyed; John Brearcliff of Stony Royd, Southowram, gent., son and heir of Hannah, his late mother, deceased, who was sole daughter and heiress of Robert Ramsden, late of Stony Royd, gent., deceased; William Kitchingman, and John Ramsden the elder, of the one part; and Ely Dawson of Morley, clerk, and John Brooksbank of Elland, gent., of the other part.

It recites original deed, and that an edifice had been erected, "And hath ever since been employed, for performance of religious worship and service, to Almighty God in." It is agreed, that the premises shall be vested in twelve trustees, with power to appoint fresh trustees and reconvey, they employing and making use of the said edifice:—

“For the performance and exercise of religious worship, and service to Almighty God in *in such manner*, as the same hath been made use of, ever since the erecting and finishing thereof, and to no other use, behoof, intent or purpose, whatsoever.”

They convey to said Nathaniel Priestley, and Jonathan and John his brothers; JOSIAH STANSFIELD of Sowerby, yeoman, and JOHN STANSFIELD, his son; said William Kitchingman and John Ramsden; James Gream of Skircoat, yeoman; JOHN STANSFIELD of Sowerby, yeoman, brother of said JOSIAH STANSFIELD; John Cook of Halifax, yeoman; Thomas Holden of Halifax, mercer; and Abraham Kershaw of Ovenden, stapler.

The above quotation of the uses of the trust, and especially the phrase printed in italics, *in such manner*, seems to imply, that as the Northgate end chapel had been used, up to that time, for such worship and service of God, as was consistent with presbyterian doctrine, and was to be put to no other uses, intents or purposes whatsoever; therefore, the use of it, by those holding doctrines, not consistent with those held by the original presbyterian holders, is contrary to the conditions of the trust. That the present holders of the chapel, hold these heterodox doctrines, seems to have been decided by the legal judgment, which led to the withdrawal of lady Hewley's charity, in 1833, which in this case, amounted to £16 per annum.

13th November 1723. Nathaniell Priestley; JOHN STANSFIELD of Haugh End, yeoman; JOHN STANSFIELD of Sowerby, uncle of said John Stansfield; John Cooke and Abm. Kershaw the surviving trustees; and Ely Dawson of Horton, clerk, and Joseph Brooksbank, son and heir of John Brooksbank, late of Elland, gent. deceased; reappoint the latter two, as heirs in trust, and appoint seven new trustees: Thomas Netleton of Halifax, Doctor of Physick; William Gream of the Heath, gent.; John Gream, brother of said William Gream; Richard Clapham of Halifax, linen-draper; Isaac Hanson of Halifax, grocer; Richard Cooke of Halifax, linen-draper; and Abm. Kershaw, jun., of Skircoat, stapler.

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15th March 1757. Richard Cooke and John Gream, surviving trustees, and Samuel Threikeld of Halifax, clerk, appoint the latter as heir at law, and appoint ten new trustees: Joseph Hulme of Halifax, Dr. of Physick; Benjamin Cooke and James Cooke his



son, DAVID STANSFELD, William Clay, William Buck, merchants : John Kershaw, woolstapler, William Ferguson, grocer, John Rhodes, mercer, and Christopher Rawdon, merchant, all of Halifax.

The more modern deeds are dated 29th December 1797, and 10th July 1782, in which no Stansfelds occur. On the 1st March 1822, James Stansfeld of Halifax, attorney-at-law, was appointed a trustee ; and on the 6th July 1861, he joined the other surviving trustees, in appointing James Stansfeld, jun. of 35 Thurloe Square, esq. and others, new trustees.

On a stone, inside the chapel, 8 ft. 7 in. from a modern south wall, with the foot close to the east wall :—

ELI and TIMOTHY, first and second sons of DAVID and ELLEN STANSFELD in Halifax, Eli died the 18th of April 1750 aged 8 months and one day. Timothy died the 3rd of May 1751 aged 7 weeks and 5 days. MARY, the third child and first daughter died the 11th of February 1753, aged 8 months and 3 days.

The above-named ELLEN STANSFELD died 20th February 1755, aged 33. MARY STANSFELD, mother of Mr. DAVID STANSFELD died 30th October 1765 aged 78.

DAVID STANSFELD died 10th of August 1769 aged 49.

MARY STANSFELD died 10th of March 1778 aged 52 [54?]

Elizabeth Moore died 16th of June 1778 aged 60.

Mary Aldred, mother of ELLEN STANSFELD, died August the 21st, 1778 aged 92 years.

The register of baptisms commences 1747, burials in 1783, and marriages, 1837. The following extracts are from the register of baptisms :—

1749. June 21. Eli, s. of Mr. D. Stansfeld.

1751. April 4. Timothy, s. of Mr. David Stansfeld by Mr. Aldred of Morley.

William the twenty-seventh son, and thirty-first child of Peter Magee baptized at Whitehaven May 30, 1756. The said Peter is 86 and his wife 50 years old. She is his 8th wife.

1762. January 12. John s. of Herbert Stansfeld.

1764. July 2. Sarah d. of Herbert Stansfeld.

1793. January 30. Sarah Rhodes, born 24th August 1787 ; Maria, born 12th November 1788 ; and Emma, born 6th December 1792 ; daughters of John and Dorothy Ralph.

The baptism of Sarah Rhodes Ralph, and of Maria Ralph, was deferred by their parents, to the time specified in the register, that they might give a more efficacious proof of their disapprobation of that creed, which represents Baptism, either as the regeneration of a child, or as necessary to save it from future damnation and misery, should it die in its infancy. JOHN RALPH.

The above note, which occurs in another place in the register, refers to the sisters of Emma Ralph, who married Judge Stansfeld. Considering, however, that as their parents were unitarians, they would not be baptised “✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,” the father need not have been afraid of their baptism, being in any way considered a christian rite, or efficacious in its application. One wonders why they baptised children at all, especially considering several entries like the following :—

Ellen Thornthwaite, John Thomson M.D. and Charlotte, his wife, born 29th October 1816, baptised 28th February 1817.

N.B. At the particular request of the parents, the service was conducted without the use of water.

Yet the above are buried at Blackley chapel, where the baptists have an open grave, for the “dipping.”

1819. March 4. Emma, born 3 October 1818, James and Emma Stansfeld, Solr Aked's Road.

1820. September 11. James, born 5 March 1820, ditto.

1821. June 17. Sarah Wolrich, born 27 March 1821, ditto.

1824. August 13. Maria, born 4 October 1823, do. Savile Green.

1826. January 15. Elizabeth Sudworth, born 3 September 1825, do.

1828. January 25. Ellen, born 9 November 1827, ditto.

1834. January 12. Sophia, born 13 May 1830, ditto.

———— Mary, born 8 December 1832, ditto.

In the register of burials :—

The Rev. John Ralph died April 9th 1795, aged 58.

The actions of the just  
Smell sweet, and blossom in the dust.

## ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA.

Preface, line 18, for	"archæological,"	read archæological.
Page 9, " 14, "	"canda,"	" cauda.
" 9, " 14, "	"halle,"	" halbi.
" 32, " 20, "	"measure,"	" measures.
" 32, " 21, "	"identified,"	" identified.
" 151, " 28, "	"Lord Fairfax,"	" Sir Thos. Fairfax.
" 186, " 29, "	"Francis Emily,"	" Frances Emily.
" 190, " 4, "	"22nd August,"	" 21st August.
" 190, " 5, "	"Annie,"	" Anne.
" 190, " 12, "	"Emma,"	" Emma Eliza.
" 193, " 14, "	"Annie,"	" Anne.
" 200, " 14, "	"Loetitia,"	" Laetitia.
" 223, " 22, "	"Jenkin,"	" Jenkinson.
" 239, " 14, "	"Marianna,"	" Mary Anne.
" 239, " 33, "	"4th October, 1823,"	" 4th October, 1824.
" 239, " 33, "	"13th August, 1824,"	" 13th August, 1825.
" 243, " 30, "	"born 5th Mar., 1820,"	" born 6th Mar., 1820.
" 245, " 6, "	"Katherine Charlotte,"	" CatherineCharlotte.
" 297, " 5, "	"Lancaster Castle,"	" York Castle.
" 297, " 23, "	"Francis Eliza,"	" Frances Eliza.
" 408, " 24, "	"born 5th Mar., 1820,"	" born 6th Mar., 1820.
" 408, " 26, "	"1824,"	" 1825.
" 408, " 26, "	"1823,"	" 1824.

With reference to Mr. William Priestley's derivation of the word Halifax, Mr. Walter W. Skeat, to whom the proofs of the first 16 pages were sent, remarks :—

"The Icel. *hali*, a tail, is not related to *halla* or *hallr* in any way; the English for *halla* is to 'heel over.' *Fax* only means a horse's mane, or, in poetry, a wood, never a ridge. This Icel. derivation would only give the sense of 'a horse's mane that heels over,' which is truly absurd."

And, respecting the Danish origin of *Feslei*, he writes :—

"The word you mean is A.S. *fæs*, a fringe. The Danish word for hair is *haar*. The Icel. *fax*, hair, A.S. *feax*, is a totally different word from the G. *faser*, a fibre. The A.S. *feax*, hair, is equally distinct from *fæs*, fringe. If your explanation is in anyway right, then *Feslei*=A.S. *fæs-leah*, fringe lea, and has nothing to do with *fax*, or hair, at all. 'Fringe' gives no sense. The A.S. *fæst*, fast, was also 'stiff,' as applied to land or soil. If *feslei* were a Domesday spelling of *fæst-leah*, stiff or hard lea, it would not be surprising."

#### NOTE.

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The whole of the manuscripts of the late Edward Johnston Walker, containing a large number of original deeds, etc., amongst which are copies of MSS. relating to Halifax, by Brearcliffe, Watson, Wilson, Dodsworth, and others; as well as matters relating to Halifax, in the British Museum, Public Record Office, and other national Archives, are now my own personal property; this collection comprises copies of over 4,000 Wills relating to Halifax Families, from the originals in the Minster Library, York, as well as Oliver Heywood's Diaries, etc.; Abstracts of Title, Drafts of Wills and Deeds, etc., from a Halifax lawyer's office a hundred years ago; Church Epitaphs and Lists of Clergy, besides many written chapters on the Halifax Gibbet Law, Parish Church, and other portions of a projected History of Halifax.



## INDEXES.

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SEEING how necessary it is that every book should have an index, and with every desire of preventing this volume appearing in a size, too bulky for convenient handling, yet it is felt, that to launch it into the world, without being indexed, would be to deprive it of half its opportunities of usefulness. And in order to make the indexes themselves appear to the best advantage, it has been found necessary, to print them under three headings, viz : *Index Locorum*, including all the place-names ; *Index Nominum*, giving all the surnames of persons mentioned in the work, with the addition of the christian name, to persons of the name of Stansfeld ; and the *General Index*, being those items considered worthy of mention, not included under the two former headings.

As a general rule, the spelling has been altered, in the indexes to the modern style ; but there are many exceptions, in cases where the identity is not manifest, or the modern spelling not known. In all cases, more than one mention of a name, is not noted ; and the reader is requested to look the page through, in order that the required entry may not be overlooked.

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